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Soaring From Scouts to Eagles

By Jean Perry

If the climb from Cub Scout to the highest summit of Eagle Scout is a steep one, which only about two in 100 Boy Scouts can reach, then Mattapoisett Troop 53 is teeming with peak baggers.

This weekend, four (four!) distinguished Boy Scouts received their Eagle Scout award before their proud family members, friends, and community at Camp Cachalot by the water at Myles Standish State Forest.

It's a long dirt road drive through the forest to get to Camp Cachalot. The winding way is dotted with a succession of signs explaining the traits of a Boy Scout: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent – all the qualities that Adam Perkins, Matthew Kiernan, Davis Mathieu, and Justin Sayers have proven to possess.

Sunday, April 23, brought perfect weather and around a hundred people out to witness the transformation of boys to men, of Boy Scouts to Eagle Scouts – a remarkable accomplishment that both Governor Charlie Baker and State Senator William Straus recognized with signed citations.

Scoutmaster Dennis McLaughlin said it can often take over four years to earn the requirements of an Eagle Scout, including a minimum of 21 merit badges. The journey is one that develops boys into leaders and responsible citizens, he said. It is a highly coveted status within Boy Scout Nation, and only the greatest and most persistent make it to the top.

Addressing the four honored scouts, McLaughlin said, "Your spirit will continue to inspire those who continue to walk the trail ahead to Eagle Scout."

Perkins, Kiernan, Mathieu, and Sayers have made this journey toward Eagle Scout together as members of Troop 53. Now the four are part of an elite group of men, such as a former president, the original astronauts, and other notable people past and present who have attained the rank of Eagle.

"One day, in the newspapers, you're going to be reading about these four guys," said McLaughlin. "Be proud that you sat here today and watched them receive their Eagle.

Perkins has achieved much so far in his 17 years, especially in the last six since he first joined the Boy Scouts in 2011. A senior at Old Rochester Regional High School, Perkins has earned 40 merit badges, two times the number required, and is a camp counselor at Camp Cachalot. He teaches swimming, is a lifeguard, achieved sailor with the ORR sailing program, and has been accepted to Massachusetts Maritime Academy where he will study environmental engineering. After graduation, he will take a year off to experience Norway, a country to which he is a dual citizen, which his brothers before him have done.

"I couldn't ever imagine going through this without my loving family [and friends] … they've helped me so much." said Perkins.

Matthew Kiernan, another senior at ORR, is a member of the drama club, a Varsity sailor, earned his Arrow of Light Award, and is also a camp counselor at Camp Cachalot. He attended the Boy Scout National Jamboree in 2013 in West Virginia, and he will be attending Massasoit Community College.

Kiernan thanked his parents for their support and wished the younger members of Troop 53 the best of luck in their climb towards Eagle Scout rank.

"It's been a long journey," said Kiernan.

Davis Mathieu earned the title "Bass Master" at

On the cover: *These four Boy Scouts from Mattapoisett Troop 53 soared to new heights on Sunday, April 23, when they became Eagle Scouts at a ceremony at Camp Cachalot in Carver witnessed by about 100 people. Left to right: Matthew Kiernan, Justin Sayers, Adam Perkins, and Davis Mathieu. Photo by Jean Perry. See more photos on page 54.*

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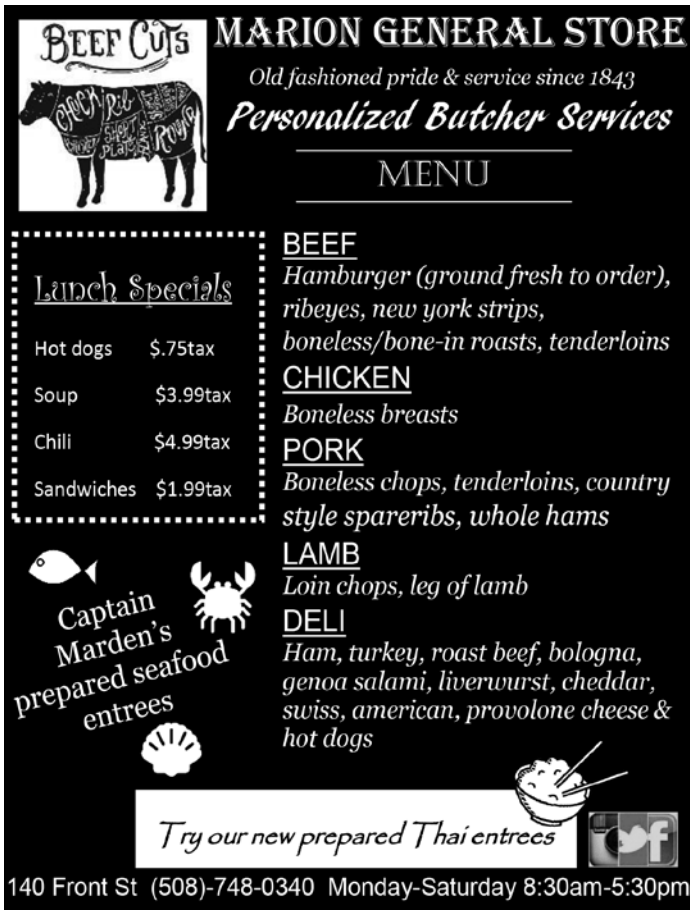

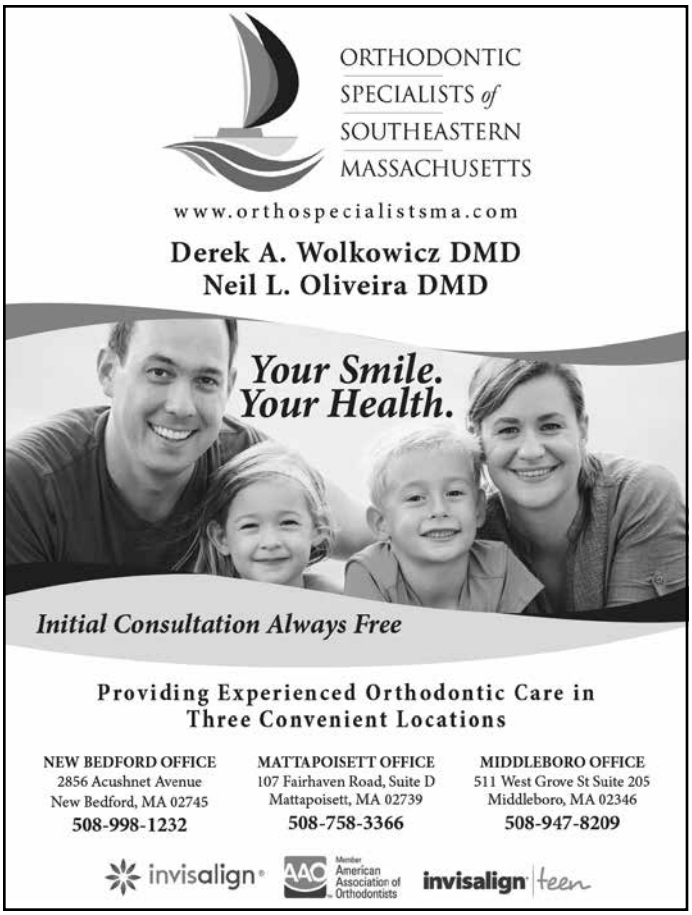

Camp Cachalot where he is also a camp counselor. He is a senior at ORR, earned his Arrow of Light Award, "and always manages to catch the biggest fish," as McLaughlin described him. Mathieu was accepted to Massachusetts Maritime Academy as well, and will study marine engineering there, striving towards a future as a Merchant Marine.

Mathieu joked that he may have to join a "Fisherman's Anonymous" group after catching 87 bass last summer.

Justin Sayers, a senior at Tabor Academy, plays soccer, ice hockey, track, and is an accomplished trumpeter. He joined the Boy Scouts in 2010, was awarded the Arrow of Light, and is a counselor at Camp Cachalot. He has a passion for reading and will attend Lafayette College where he will study chemical engineering.

"Wow, what a great guy he is," said McLaughlin. "I can say that about all four of them. And I thank you guys for allowing me to be a part of your scouting career and for allowing me to get to know you."

During the pinning ceremony, the Eagle Scouts were joined by their parents, and each one's mother pinned their Eagle Scout pin on her son. In return, each Eagle Scout pinned a miniature Eagle pin over the heart of each parent. In a touching gesture, Sayers pinned both of his mini Eagle pins over the heart of his mom who played the role of both mother and father throughout Sayers' life.

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ever ask to be a part of," said Sayers. "This has been the greatest experience I could have ever asked for."

A small reception followed the ceremony.

The Legendary Spring Herring Migration

By George B. Emmons

The annual spring spawning herring run appears as soon as the temperature of the water warms up. That rings the alarm of the herring's biological clock for the time to begin its pilgrimage out of the ocean and up the coastal rivers to return to the inland fresh water ponds of its origin.

This is a truly remarkable natural phenomena classified as 'anadramous,' meaning migrating up rivers to spawn.

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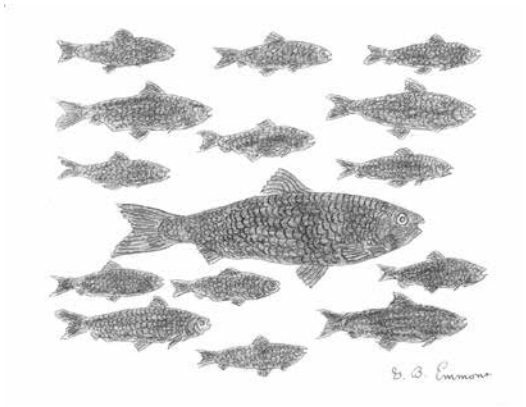

The herring run often with the larger cousin, the shad, as I have illustrated in my rendering, and this symbiosis has a historical consequence in early New England history.

It started as a godsend for the winter starved pilgrims of Plymouth in 1621, unexpectedly appearing with a cornucopia of protein-rich food, easily caught in existing Indian weirs. It became a dependable bonus to boost agriculture until, finally in 1707, magistrates here had to enact regulations to restrict and limit usage to just one fish for every hill of corn planted.

Then again, in 1778, the spring run up the Schulkill River at Valley Forge provided sustenance to Washington's hungry troops and heartened their resolve to continue to fight on for independence.

Henry David Thoreau was just one of many prominent observers of the undaunted and intrepid resolve of the migration into Walden Pond, bravely against all odds, of which only a small percentage would achieve the reproductive mission of their resolve.

Thoreau likened their heroics to the embattled minutemen farmers who stood their ground by the Old North Bridge that arched the flood of the Concord River and were destined to reach their goal to turn back the

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However, all too soon, the age of industrial waterpower was to bring migratory obstruction dams to New England, some of which are now gradually being torn down to restore access for the marching legions of spawning migration.

In the meantime, construction programs of alternate fish ladders by fisheries have provided passage around high dams, with constructing incremental and gradual series of smaller waterfalls with pools, rising up like the locks of a canal and quite successful in restoring the life cycle of fish freedom of movement.

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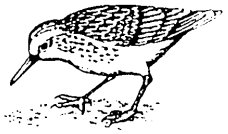

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The Herring Do Swim…

By Jean Perry

The annual cycle of the herring's return to Snipatuit Pond has reached its apex at this point in the season, but the herring continue to trickle up and then back down the multiple steps just at the beginning of the Mattapoisett River at Snipatuit Pond.

Every morning, Herring Inspector David Watling Jr. parks his pick-up truck down at the end of a long dirt road to an undisclosed location at the base of Snipatuit Pond. From there, he hikes through the towering pines to where water fed from the banks of Snipatuit Pond flows down the concrete steps towards the ocean. These steps mark the final hurdle in the herring's return home to spawn in the very place where the herring itself was born.

Watling keeps careful track of the herring count, both as herring inspector and as Vice President of Alewives Anonymous, an association founded in 1984 that "encourages, promotes, and supports efforts to preserve and increase the alewife fishery resources of the

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Mattapoisett River…"

Watling's father, William Watling, founded Alewives Anonymous, and Watling has followed in his father's footsteps as herring inspector since 1993.

"When my father died, I took over his position," said Watling.

On Monday, April 24, the sun unencumbered by clouds created the aroma of warming pine needles and the refreshing scent of the water of Snipatuit Pond evaporating into the fresh air around us.

The Snipatuit Pond herring count is one of two locations inspected by Watling daily, beginning April 16 until just before Memorial Day when the wooden planks at the herring steps are removed, flooding the river in

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time for the boat race. The other location is at Leonard's Pond. Watling then takes a trip over to the Mattapoisett River landing in Mattapoisett off Route 6 to visually inspect the herring highway, so to speak.

As of Monday, 12,754 herring have passed through the Snipatuit Pond counter, which doesn't count herring, per se; what the counter senses is a change in the conductivity of the water as the herring swim upstream and then eventually back downstream.

"Right now are the perfect conditions for the fish," Watling remarked, his clipboard in hand looking over the spreadsheet of data that he keeps for the town and for the Alewives Anonymous group, and which he also shares with the Buzzards Bay Coalition. The water level was high and the water temperature right for the time of year.

That past Saturday through Sunday, said Watling, between 2,000 and 3,000 herring had swum up into the pond, according to his data.

That may sound like a lot, but these numbers are, in fact, drastically low. Last year by the end of the season, Watling had counted around 18,000 alewives, evidence of the 25% decline in fish annually since 2000 when the count was 134,000.

"So we're a little bit behind this year," said Watling.

Once the data is entered and the white metal box closed and secured, Watling gets down on his knees, crouching over the water to pull out leaves and debris from the thatched metal – the same kind used for lobster traps – to keep the steps open and flowing for the herring. If a herring becomes trapped, it will continue its struggle forward until the waterway is opened up again.

"They'll beat themselves up trying to get up," said Watling.

As the crow flies, the mouth of the Mattapoisett River estuary is only about six miles, but Watling estimates the river winds for about 14 miles, ocean to pond.

The herring have been making this journey likely for thousands of years, and where the herring do swim, you'll find Watling there waiting and watching for the yearly return of the ancient alewife.

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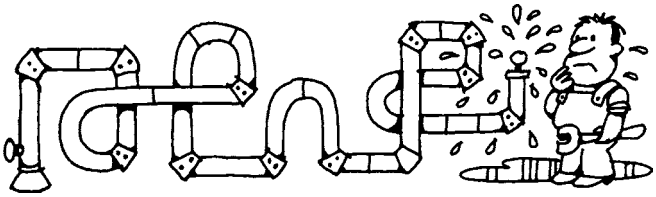
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Bike Path Construction Slated for November 2018

By Marilou Newell

It's been 24 years since the Mattapoisett Bike Path Committee began the very long, very complicated process of planning a pedestrian and bicycling path through Mattapoisett. But now the light at the end of that path is very bright.

The committee along with members of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path have been dotting all the i's and crossing all the t's as engineering plans for Phase 1B went to 100 percent design. This second piece of the pathway between Mattapoisett Neck Road and Depot

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During a Mattapoisett Finance Committee meeting on April 19, Town Administrator Michael Gagne reported on information he had secured from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the agency that will ultimately build Phase 1B.

"The transportation improvement plan (TIP) has put projects into a five-year capital plan and that was ratified by metro planning. Mattapoisett is slated for 2018. Things are looking very good," Gagne told the committee.

In a follow-up with Bike Path Committee Chairman Steven Kelleher, a man whose perseverance for over two decades has helped steer the path towards reality, said, "I'm presently in receipt of a draft from the Regional Transportation Improvement project. Mattapoisett is on there for 2018 and 2019."

Securing TIP funding has been a major goal for the Town as projected costs have soared, thus making a project of this scope out of reach for the Town. When asked how much funding the state program will provide, Kelleher was reticent to disclose. "I don't want to jinx things," he said with a chuckle.

The committee is now waiting for the 21-day public comment phase to close and then it looks like smooth cycling towards a construction start date.

Bonne DeSousa, chairman of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, was very pleased.

"We started Phase 1B in May 2009," DeSousa stated. Now, with the project nearing reality she breathed a sigh of relief. "In January, things were looking very good for full funding." She confirmed that $4 million was the estimated construction cost and associated state funding.

DeSousa said, however, "We don't build the bike path – that is under Mass DOT administration." Thus, construction scheduling will not be under the control of the Town, she clarified. In spite of that, Gagne, Kelleher, and DeSousa all confirmed that a November 2018 start date is anticipated.

According to DeSousa, construction will most likely take two years to complete, but when it's done, "Oh, there will most definitely be a celebration!"

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DeSousa has turned her focus to areas where she can make a difference to the entire South Coast Bikeway, a chain of pathways that will ultimately connect Swansea, Somerset, Fall River, Westport, Dartmouth, New Bedford, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, and Wareham. One of her focuses will be on 'soft trails,' cleared navigable unpaved trails.

"We'll be looking at a soft trail between Acushnet Road and Park Street," DeSousa said, believing that to be not only an important piece in bringing the bike path closer to a connection with Marion in the industrial park area, but also something that can be accomplished locally. She said that once a trail is established off North Street, it's just a short half-mile "chuck" to Marion.

When Creative Minds Converge

By Marilou Newell

On April 23, J. Peter Bergman, director of communications at Arrowhead, the home of Herman Melville, pulled back the curtain of time on both Melville and Edna St. Vincent Millay in his presentation at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library.

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of both authors for decades, including his involvement with the Millay Society located at the writer's homestead, Steepletop, in New York.

Bergman's deep knowledge of both artists has inspired his unique perspective that Millay may just be Melville reincarnated.

During his hour-long presentation while sprinkling the talk with passages from works by both, he drew the audience into his rationale – for Bergman, the similarities in the two artists' history and writing styles isn't coincidence.

Melville was born in 1819 in New York City to a family that lived a comfortable lifestyle. But fate would see the family fall into poverty when his father died,

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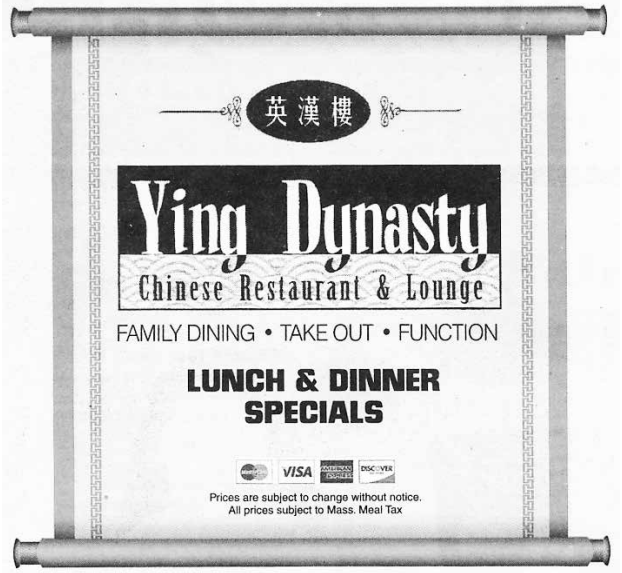

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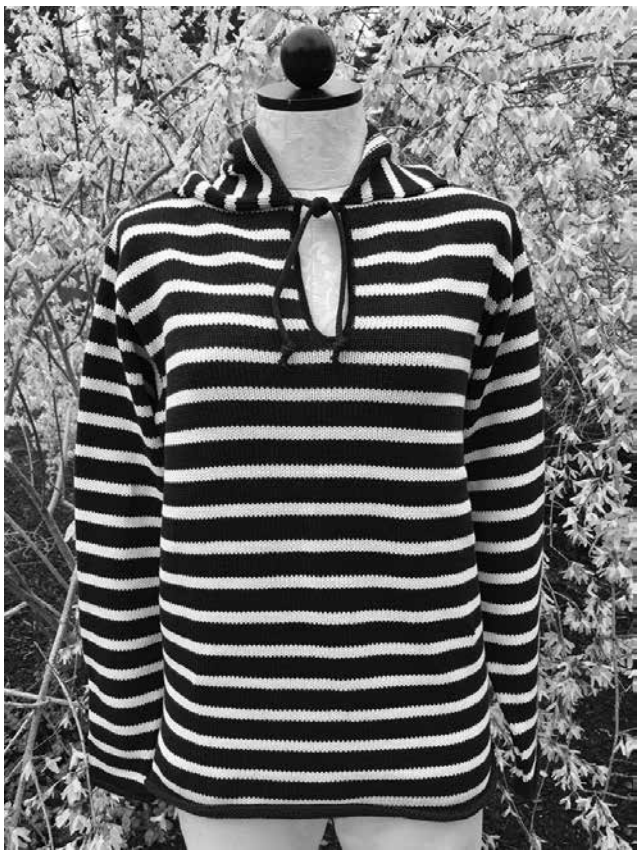

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forcing Melville to leave school to help support them.

Millay, born in 1892 in Rockland, Maine, would suffer a similar fate when her father and mother divorced. Millay became responsible for the care of her siblings.

In spite of their struggles, Bergman pointed to their early writing, brilliance, success, and critical flops.

Melville, whose well-known book *Moby Dick*, originally simply titled *The Whale*, was a complete disaster, one he would never recover from in life. Bergman placed the blame for Melville's critical crucifixion on Nathaniel Hawthorne.

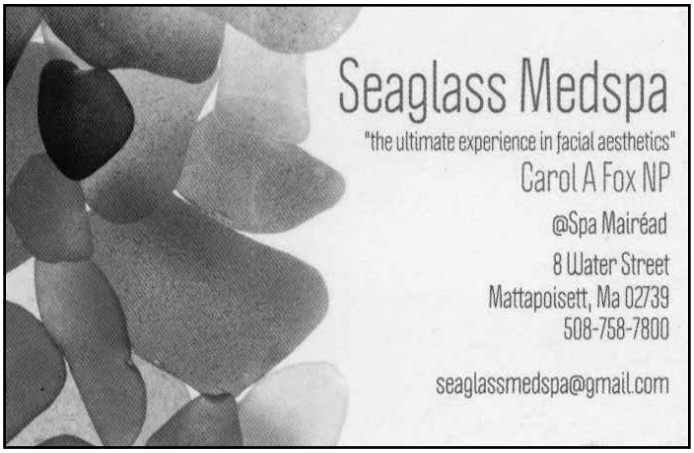
Melville's admiration for Hawthorne was such that he dedicated *Moby Dick* to him. But Hawthorne, according to Bergman, had just published the successful *Scarlet Letter* and was working on *The House of the Seven Gables* when *Moby Dick* was published. Hawthorne wasn't interested in sharing the limelight.

Bergman said that Hawthorne recognized *Moby Dick*'s brilliance. With a few well-placed words, he essentially sabotaged Melville's creation, nay, his entire career. *Moby Dick* sank in a sea of bad reviews spearheaded by Hawthorne.

Millay suffered a similar fate when critics of her time lampooned her work, most notably by the scalpel wielded by T.S. Elliot. However, she did live long enough to enjoy renewed acclaim, not only among critics, but also among the reading public.

Bergman pointed to those early successes and later failures as similarities linking the two authors. Melville's early work *Pierre* earned him great praise, while Millay's *Renascence*, written when she was only 19 years of age, placed her high on the literary pedestal. And although Melville didn't live to see his *Moby Dick* rise to the best-selling book of all time challenged only by the *Bible*, Millay received a Pulitzer Prize in 1923 for her fourth book, *The Ballad of the Harp Weaver*.

Bergman noted that Melville and Millay had similar writing styles and during his presentation asked the audience to try and identify "who wrote what" as he read passages from their works. Millay's "strong voice," Bergman said, gave her writing a more masculine tone. This writing style, in Bergman's mind, further solidified



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the creative conveyance of these literary greats.

Bergman also slipped in a bit about the private lives of his two favorite authors – their romantic lives that he claimed were similarly unlucky.

Melville, he said, "…may have fathered two children with his neighbor Sarah Moore." In fact, Melville purchased the farm next door to Moore, "presumably so they could meet secretly in the woods," Bergman surmised.

Millay, on the other hand, had hoped to marry a particular suitor but was spurned in love. Still, she maintained a lifelong friendship with both the gentleman and the woman he did marry.

Of Millay, Bergman shared this tidbit: "She loved to garden and swim in the nude … well, she did everything in the nude!"

"I think if Herman and Edna are not the same creative spirit, I don't know how they are so alike," Bergman stated. "They were both geniuses…"

And one last similarity Bergman pointed out was based in numerology in which he placed credence.

"Millay was born 117 days after Melville died," he said. "Those digits add up to nine, an auspicious number."

Melville's farm Arrowhead is located in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Visit www.mobydick.org for more information. Millay's homestead, Steepletop, is located in Austerlitz, New York. Visit www.millay.org for details.

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Town Pauses on ORR Fiscal Audit Article

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

Mattapoisett and Rochester are in full agreement on spending $5,000 on a forensic financial spending audit for Old Rochester Regional School District, but both the Rochester Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee refrained from recommending that article on the Town Meeting Warrant for the time being.

During an April 24 joint meeting of the BOS and the FinCom to review and make recommendations on Town Meeting Warrant articles, Finance Committee Chairman Kristian Stoltenberg said 'nay' to spending $5,000 for such a forensic audit, and the Finance Committee would not recommend the article.

Right after, Board of Selectmen Chairman Brad Morse recommended keeping the article on the warrant; however, with an upcoming Tri-Town Boards of Selectmen meeting in three days, during which the topic of the forensic financial spending audit would be discussed, Morse suggested the selectmen refrain from taking any position on an article recommendation that night.

Knowing that a subsequent Tri-Town selectmen meeting was imminent, Stoltenberg said to the selectmen, "I'm hoping you're going to be able to convince them to drop it."

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The Finance Committee also voted to not recommend another article to appropriate $6,800 for a fence on the property line between Rochester Memorial School and the Morgado residence next door to address the Morgados' privacy and safety concerns.

The selectmen had been working with the Morgados and the Rochester facilities manager to find quotes for a fence that would satisfy the Morgados' request. During this meeting, the selectmen withheld a vote on whether to make the recommendation or not.

The Finance Committee also held off on a recommendation of the FY2018 budget pending further review.

A final draft of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant is still under development.

In other matters, there are some vacant seats on some Town appointed boards and committees: two on the Agricultural Commission; one on the Historic Commission; and one on the Tri-Town Rivers Commission. Interested parties may write a letter to the Board of Selectmen for consideration.

It was Greenwood "Woody" Hartley III's first meeting as a member of the Board of Selectmen. Hartley brought up a number of "old business" matters, requesting that any ongoing unresolved topics be added to the agenda for ongoing discussion meeting to meeting until resolved, specifically mentioning upgrading the website, ADA compliance in town, and the removable

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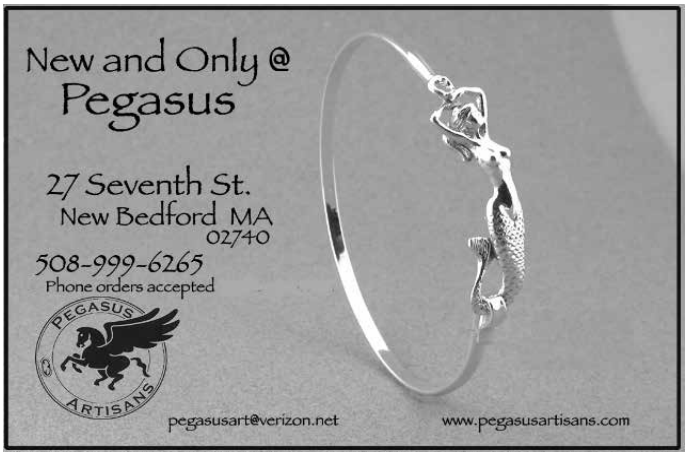

filing system being considered for the Town Hall Annex.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **May 1** at 6:30 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

Light Night For Selectmen

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

It's a room that has silently witnessed hundreds of nights where long meetings involving complicated issues have taken place – but not on April 25.

With a light agenda and Town Administrator Michael Gagne putting the finishing touches on the FY18 budget with the Finance Committee, the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen meeting began and ended in less than 30 minutes.

The most pressing matters handled included confirmation of appointments to various boards and committees, as well as town employee appointments. The selectmen also approved common victualer licenses for The Stowaway, Alice's Food Cart, Seaport Ice Cream Slip, Oxford Creamery's Oxcart, and Mahoney's Food Cart.

Selectman Paul Silva read the motion to approve the annual town election warrant. Elections are scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, and the polling station is at Old Hammondtown School from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. He also noted the Annual Town Meeting will be held on May 8 at 6:30 pm in the Old Rochester Regional High School auditorium.

The community was reminded that they may view a presentation given by Gagne on the town meeting warrant by tuning into Community Access station 38 or 95 at noon or 7:00 pm. Silva will also be televised in a presentation explaining the FY18 budget. Silva's presentation will run immediately following Gagne's. Both informal presentations will be available beginning Thursday, April 27, on the town's website www.mattapoisett.net.

Melody Pacheco, administrative assistant to the Board of Selectmen, read the upcoming announcements that included Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 29, at 1:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Library grounds.

Pacheco also announced that summer hours for the transfer station are now in effect with the facility hours set for Tuesday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, and that the Old Rochester Farmer's Market summer hours will begin on June 6 and continue through October 24 on every Tuesday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at the ORR Junior High School grounds.

On Sunday, April 30 at 10:00 am, Mattapoisett municipal employees will participate in a walkathon, Pacheco reported. Dubbed "Rob's Mob" Pacheco said the Rob's Mob Walkathon is a fundraiser for the Multiple Myeloma Foundation and is being held to help raise awareness and money in honor of a local person dealing with the disease.

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"It's kind of informal, but we wanted to do this for Rob," Pacheco said. Rob's wife, Sue, had been instrumental during the planning of another recent fundraiser and "We wanted to say thank you to her this way."

Donations may be dropped off at the selectmen's office Pacheco said that anyone wanting to participate is welcome. The 5K route will be the same one used by the Mother's Day Tiara Classic stepping off and ending at Oxford Creamery.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **May 23** at 6:30 pm in the town hall conference room.

Mattapoisett Cuts FY18 Budget and Prepares the Warrant

Mattapoisett Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

Town Administrator Michael Gagne gave the Mattapoisett Finance Committee members a sneak peek at the Spring Town Meeting warrant on April 19; meanwhile, selectmen are still preparing to cut another nearly $200,000 from the proposed $25 million plus FY18 budget.

The selectmen had reviewed every line item, and "large and small items" were trimmed in an effort to bring spending in line with revenue projects, Gagne said.

"Two and a half increase and new growth equal $771,977," said Gagne, turning to new revenue sources including the tax levy. He also said the projected state aid increase would be about $64,000, while local receipts were projected to be increased by $85,000 over FY17.

Gagne again pointed out that medical insurance was a huge contributing factor to the total budget, up nearly 11 percent.

The dollars that fell from the budget bottom line included decreases in requests for office supplies, seminars and training, legal fees, and a proposed increase of four hours for the planning board administrator. Also cut were fire department budget requests for increases to holiday pay, sick leave buy backs, and uniforms. The highway department's request for an increase in part-time

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hours was also culled.

Yet, while the FY18 budget was getting a haircut, one department will see an increase in staffing hours.

Council on Aging Director Jackie Coucci asked the selectmen to consider increasing her assistant Cindy Macallister's hours from 19 hours per week to 24. The selectmen supported her request, a request she characterized as "critical" in maintaining continuity of services provided to the community. Macallister's husband, Selectman Tyler Macallister, did not participate in those discussions.

But FinCom Chairman Pat Donoghue objected, saying, "People need to understand the implication this has on benefits!" Donoghue said that, upon retirement, "She'll be eligible for health insurance for herself and her spouse."

"This is liable to cost far more in benefits than salary," she argued. Donoghue thought it made better fiscal sense to hire another part-time staffer than increase a part-time person to a full-time position.

Gagne reminded the committee members that the selectmen had only agreed to the staffing increase because Macallister would not be enrolled in the municipal health insurance program.

As Gagne and the FinCom members reviewed the warrant articles, he pointed out that OPEB funding would be sought in the amount of $429,821. A sum of $25,000 would be earmarked for Mattapoisett's share of the ORR obligations. Gagne also pointed out that another article titled Regional School System Study, Analysis and Strategic Planning Study would also be on the warrant.

This article will ask the voters to commit a sum of $5,000 in partnership with Marion and Rochester to hire a consultant to review ORR's "historical expenditures, revenues, and practices … for the purpose of providing policymakers appropriate data for sound fiscal, strategic and proper planning…" Gagne said that in conversations with Superintendent Doug White, he found him to be in agreement that, "…this is a good way to develop a proper strategic plan to fund programs…"

The Mattapoisett Fire Department's plan to construct a new fire station will make another step in that direction if voters agree to an article that appropriates funds to perform design analysis including cost estimates.

"The game plan is to start with concepts, then to costing, so next year the town will know and decide if they want to go to the full design" Gagne explained. He said it was feasible that construction could begin by 2020 and that the town would most likely finance the structure with a 20-year bond. The article appropriation sum had not yet been determined.

There will be a number of water and sewer enterprise fund articles along with capital planning items totaling $474,100. That list features $40,000 for enhanced security at Center School, roof repairs to Old Hammondtown School, two new police cruisers, and a truck for the highway department.

The Crystal Spring Road solar array project is on the warrant as the town seeks voters' approval for a PILOT program – payment in lieu of taxes – that will help generate revenue over a 20-year period.

Gagne said that another solar project is planned for Tinkham Hill Road across the road from the first solar project constructed in Mattapoisett. This second Tinkham Hill project will be an extension of the current permitting, stated Drew Pierson, director of project development for Blue Water Solar in a follow-up interview.

Pierson said, "We'll have to submit a plan modification, but it will be an extension of the existing project out there."

A fourth solar project planned on Crystal Spring Road adjacent to the present project is slated to be 6.5 megawatts, Gagne reported. Pierson said that project is pending Planning Board and Conservation Commission vetting.

Mattapoisett's Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for May 8 at 6:30 pm in the ORRHS auditorium.

Aucoot Cove Pier Passes Muster

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

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Other conditions previously set included protection to the marsh and barrier beach areas during construction with the majority of the work taking place from the water, albeit very low water.

"It doesn't make good sense to me to have it built on a barrier beach," said Rogers, but he also noted that the project had already received ConCom approval and that this hearing was simply to amend the order of conditions. "We are trying to get as much environmental protection as we can," he said.

Brad Hathaway still objected. "This is crazy!" said Hathaway. He and his daughter Jane once again attempted to present a variety of reasons why the project was ill-conceived, including the presence of eelgrass and storm surge potential. But Rogers reminded them that the project was already approved.

"The plan will apparently go to the State," Hathaway concluded, adding with exasperation, "…and the State has done a lousy job for Mattapoisett."

Rogers responded, "The plan could be appealed. I would just as soon not vote for it, but if it goes to the DEP, we'd be spending money."

Commissioner Mike King interjected, motioning to the Hathaways, "With all due respect, this is an amendment."

Jane Hathaway countered, "With all due respect, while we can voice our concerns we will."

The commissioners voted to accept the amended plans that included that all conditions imposed on the project are detailed on the plan of record.

Jeff Youngquist of Outback Engineering was back before the commissioners with plan modifications from the Reservation Golf Club for repairs to a golf cart path.

The commissioners accepted a revision for the construction of a wooden bridge over a culvert versus repairs to the culvert.

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"They'll leave it as natural as possible," Youngquist said. He also said that the golf club would be back before the commission when the proposed bike path extension came near the area in question and also that a Chapter 91 waterways license was pending. An order of conditions was drafted for the notice of intent filing.

Also coming before the commissioners and receiving orders of conditions were Jeff Himawan and Andrew Bennett with a notice of intent filing for construction of a new home at 10 Point Road in Pease's Point; Derek Tavares, 3 Nantucket Drive, with a request for determination of applicability for the construction of a shed; and Peter Chimel, 10 Brandt Island Road with a request for determination of applicability for the installation of an in-ground pool.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for **May 22** at 6:30 pm in the town hall conference room.

Wellspring Farm 'Jumps the Gun'

Rochester Planning Board

By Jean Perry

Rochester Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson essentially told Wellspring Farm owners Jim and Holly Vogel to hold their horses before continuing any further work until the board completes its Site Plan Review of the therapeutic horse riding facility for children and adults with developmental disabilities at 42 Hiller Road.

Before getting too deep into the public hearing the night of April 25, Johnson sternly cautioned any abutters present that the Planning Board would not be focusing on the use of the property – that was up to the Zoning Board of Appeals, which had already granted the Vogels a Special Permit for use. The Planning Board was only concerned about matters of parking, drainage, traffic flow, and screening.

Johnson then turned to the applicants' attorney George Boerger and issued another stern warning regarding concerns the board voiced during the initial preliminary informal meeting that remained unaddressed in the Site Plan Review submitted to the board.

First, though, Johnson said he found out that work

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had begun without a permit "accidentally."

"I talked to the contractor … and asked him if he had a plan," said Johnson. "And he said 'no.'"

Johnson said he sent the contractor to the Town Hall Annex for the proper application at that time.

"It kind of angers me a little bit that you file an application with us, and we don't even open the public hearing … and work starts on it that really isn't allowed and isn't really what you're presenting to us [in your plan]," said Johnson, "…and tonight you show up and you don't even have that squared away."

Boerger replied, "I apologize for anything that we've done." Mr. Vogel later took responsibility for the work and apologized himself.

"The bottom line is, you jumped the gun," Johnson said. "I'm not sure why you jumped the gun. It took a long while to get to this night."

Johnson again cautioned the applicant, "It's all one hundred percent at your risk because the Planning Board has the absolute right to rip it all up and restore it to what it all was and then rip it all up again and make it a parking lot."

"We just want to move forward," Boerger said. "There's no intent to not work with the board. I'm sorry that happened."

Johnson told Boerger a traffic study for independent review would be necessary, including how many vehicles enter and exit and the traffic flow.

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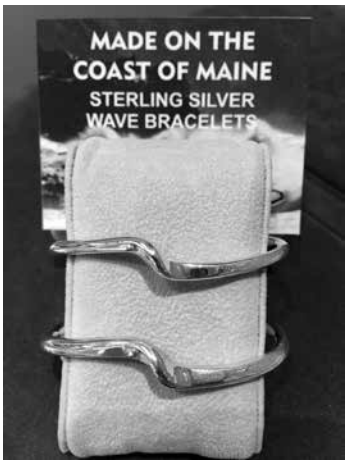

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There was some discussion over some fencing – existing and new – meant to screen the business from abutters. ZBA Chairman Richard Cutler was present to help the Planning Board who asked Cutler a number of times to explain the intent of certain aspects of the fence.

Several abutters complained about older fence falling down and looking "junky," as Kathy Mendoza of 32 Hiller Road described it.

"We can address the fence issue," said Boerger. "That is not an issue."

The public hearing was continued until May 9.

The next meeting of the Rochester Planning Board is scheduled for **May 9** at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

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Front Street Condo Project Denied by One Vote

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Jean Perry

Developer Christian Loranger needed a 'supermajority' vote of four members of the four Marion Zoning Board of Appeals members present on April 25 for his proposed project for a five-unit 11-bedroom condominium complex at 426 Front Street, but a 3-1 vote resulted in a denial of the Special Permit.

The ZBA met that night for the exclusive purpose of deliberating the project, having closed the public hearing two weeks prior. No further input from the applicant or the public was allowed.

A ZBA majority had determined that the proposed structure, which would expand the footprint of the existing house by 67 percent, would not be a detriment to the neighborhood and would, in fact, have benefitted the town at large with increased tax revenue and additional housing. But ZBA member Kate Mahoney was confident in her opinion that the expansion of the size of the building would not fit in with the current character of the neighborhood.

Chairman Marc LeBlanc argued that the building, although it was significantly larger, was allowable within the bylaws since it would not be creating any further nonconformity.

"I can't see it as being detrimental," said ZBA member Michelle Smith.

"I differ with you," Mahoney replied. "I lean toward the fact that it is at least significantly more detrimental to the neighborhood. Its volume is just too big for that neighborhood."

ZBA member Bob Alves said, "I don't think it's going to be detrimental by the looks of things. Once everything is said and done, I don't think it's going to look atrocious. I just think that it will fit."

Betsy Dunn recused herself from the matter because she was absent from the meeting when the public hearing was first opened.

The board deliberated for 42 minutes before Smith made the motion to grant the Special Permit, seconded by Alves.

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Loranger, who has developed another condominium complex at 16 Cottage Street, was present for the vote. He declined to comment.

Loranger has 20 days to appeal the board's decision with the court.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for **April 27** at 7:30 pm at the Marion Town House.

Energy Committee Still Seeking Answers

Marion Energy Management Committee

By Sarah French Storer

Business was light at the Marion Energy Management Committee meeting on April 24, as the committee continues to work toward successfully replacing the streetlights with energy-saving LED bulbs. Additionally, committee member Jennifer Francis reported on the pursuit of the substation connection for the proposed Benson Brook Solar Project.

The confusion surrounding the billing practices of Eversource continued to swirl Monday night, compounded by the sheaves of paper that committee member Rob Fisher provided from town hall, copies of the Eversource bills and the town's accounting for the payments to the electric company.

In order to provide Town Administrator Paul Dawson with a concise comparison of cost savings with the LED lights, the committee is trying to determine the

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current per light cost of each streetlight.

Based on the information Fisher obtained from town hall, the committee decided to send Fisher, with committee member Bill Saltonstall, back to town hall to sort through the bills more closely with Finance Director Judith Mooney or the town accountant, Kathy Kearns.

Saltonstall related a conversation with Dawson in which Dawson stated, "With Eversource's new consolidated billing, there is a list of summarized accounts, and when the town makes a payment, the money is merely taken off the top of the total the town owes, not applied to a particular account."

The committee is hoping to procure the complete bills from Eversource to the town, where they hope to find a breakdown of the cost of rental, service, and energy cost per light. This information is essential to make the argument for the replacement of the existing lights with LED lights.

Based on the committee's review of the limited information in front of them that evening, it appears the town is charged approximately $2,950 per month for streetlights.

Francis expressed frustration with the pace of the resolution to the substation connection for the Benson Brook Solar Project. Apparently, due to the location of the project, there has been reluctance by the state to move quickly to create the connection.

Francis spoke with Kyle Murray, the attorney for Senator Marc Pacheco's office, who said he would forward to the Department of Public Utilities a summary of the history of the Benson Brook Solar Project. Francis immediately provided the material, and she remains hopeful that this will keep the project moving forward.

Francis also reported on the popularity of the electric car program in the town. The town currently leases four electric cars, and within a year or so will need to determine if they want to renew the leases, return the cars, or buy them outright.

Recreation Director (and Selectman) Jody Dickerson expressed an interest in getting a Chevy Bolt, since it has a longer driving range per charge. In an email from Evan Melillo, who has been assisting the town in the electric car program, he stated that the state grant program has been very successful. Its popularity has grown such that Marion should act fast if they want any more electric vehicles through the program, Melillo suggested.

In response to the often asked question regarding the conflict of electric cars not running on fossil fuels but being charged by energy generated by fossil fuels, Francis responded that "One-hundred percent of our energy is from wind turbines, so it's a total win!"

In other business, the committee expressed disappointment at the turn out at their sustainability presentation with Jamie Jacquart last week. Committee member Eileen Marum underscored the value of the talk for town department heads and employees, saying, "Those folks would have benefited the most from the information presented."

The next meeting of the Marion Energy Management Committee is scheduled for **May 22** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall.

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Menthol Cigs on Back Burner

Marion Board of Health

By Jean Perry

It has been quite some time now since the Marion Board of Health has made any progress towards its goal of classifying menthol cigarettes as 'flavored tobacco,' but at the April 25 meeting, the board's intention was to reignite the issue and eventually bring it up with the selectmen.

Back in August 2016, the board discussed draft regulation that would ban menthol cigarettes from Marion along with all other flavored tobacco and nicotine-containing products.

Cheryl Sbarra, senior staff attorney for the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards, told the Board of Health members in August that the tobacco industry would likely sue the Town should they move to ban menthol cigarettes.

The board subsequently received a number of letters form 'Big Tobacco' giants such as R.J. Reynolds, warning the Town that they would sue to protect their interests should the Town attempt to do away with menthols.

"I'm not sure where we are at," said Board of Health Chairman Betsy Dunn. "We were supposed to sit down with the Board of Selectmen and discuss our proposed regulations. All that, I think, was put on the back burner."

The board will invite Sbarra to return before the board in June to continue forward towards a menthol ban.

In other matters, the board voted unanimously to oppose an Annual Town Meeting article that would allow dogs onto Silvershell Beach. Dogs are currently not allowed.

"They mean to have them on the beach always?"

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said Dunn. "No way!"

Health Director Karen Walega called the presence of dogs on the beach a safety hazard.

"It's a horrible [idea] to have dogs running on the beach in the summertime," said Walega.

Dunn added, "I've seen dogs go right up into the water and do their thing in the water while people are swimming!"

Also during the meeting, the board hopes to pass regulation next month that would ban synthetic marijuana from sale in Marion. The board will have to hold a public hearing before taking a vote to adopt any new regulations banning the synthetic drugs.

The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for **May 9** at 4:30 pm at the Marion Town House.

'Every 15 Minutes' at ORR

ORR Update

By Jo Caynon

The final days before Good Friday held a somber mood despite the impending April vacation as ORRHS participated in the "Every Fifteen Minutes" program.

Named due to the extreme 1990s statistic of someone losing their life every 15 minutes due to driving under the influence of alcohol, the yearly program spreads awareness of the dangers and consequences of such actions.

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One way this was achieved was through guest speaker Jim Butcher, who gave anecdotal evidence to the senior and junior classes on the overall effect of drunk driving. The story hit home with the students, who were able to later retell what they had heard to the younger grades.

"The speaker was a father whose daughter, Courtney, died about ten years ago in a drunk driving accident," junior Elise Parker recounted. "One of her friends was drunk and speeding while driving her and three others home, and he missed a turn and crashed. Only one of them survived."

Junior Lindsey Merolla recalled, "He told us to consider what we're doing before getting in the car, whether it's drinking or texting, because there are people that care about us and our actions could kill someone innocent."

The students who attended the assembly were visibly moved afterwards, some even tearing up as they walked back to classes.

"His story was really sad," said senior Emily Ziino. "He talked about how his daughter was no longer 'daddy's girl' anymore because she died … I cried a little."

This wasn't the extent of the "Every Fifteen Minutes" program, however. Members of the senior class had spent the previous day enacting the naming statistic as a student designated as the "Grim Reaper" wandered the hallways. About every 15 minutes throughout the school day, the Grim Reaper would collect a senior who 'died' as a result of an alcohol-induced accident; the 'dead' student would then dress in a black robe and spend the rest of the day in silence.

Between the 'walking dead' and crime scene body outlines scattered through the hallways, the severity of the results of drinking and driving began to sink in for all present at the school. Many conversations reflected on the activities that had been used to spread awareness of the dangers of drunk driving.

"It made many of us contemplate the harsh consequences of drinking and reckless driving, and that others may be hurt, too, because of our actions," junior Stephanie Dondyk said.

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Tabor Hosts Healthy Relationship Week

Tabor Academy Update

By Jack Gordon

Around Tabor's campus last week, there was a school-wide recognition of Healthy Relationship Week, a first-time program for the school that promoted positive, safe, and healthy relationships between friends, families, and romantic partners.

Right from the get-go at the beginning of the week, the hallways of the school were decorated with posters and signs promoting statistics and information about healthy (or unhealthy) relationships. Between classes, in the bathrooms, or walking up stairwells, students and faculty were able to learn some surprising and important information about signs of unhealthy relationships, ways to get help in the case of an unhealthy relationship, and more.

The week was done in conjunction with a program founded by the One Love Foundation, a nonprofit created to honor Yeardley Love, a former lacrosse player at the University of Virginia who was beaten to death by her ex-boyfriend in 2010 just three weeks preceding her graduation. According to its website, the foundation was created to "honor Yeardley Love by bringing an end to Relationship Violence by educating, empowering and activating campus communities in a movement for change."

The main event held in conjunction with the One Love Foundation was Yards for Yeardley, which brought out nearly 200 people onto Tabor's turf fields to raise awareness for the cause.

Under the beautiful blue sky and the warmth of the spring sun, students, faculty, and friends ran, walked, biked, and rowed over the span of several hours. Over this time, the community exceeded the goal of accumulating

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one million meters during the event. The outing was a fun opportunity for people to enjoy the beautiful weather, all while raising awareness for the importance of healthy relationships.

The other event that spurred from the One Love Foundation was the "Escalation Workshop." This workshop was held on Friday evening and was attended by senior students and some faculty. Tabor was one of just 17 high schools across the country piloting the workshop.

The students and faculty watched a film that depicted an unhealthy relationship and the warning signs of such a relationship, and followed up the viewing with group discussions about the film and how to intervene when early signs are recognized.

This program was led by students and faculty who met on the preceding Monday to preview the film and undergo training to properly lead the group discussions. Though the Friday night program was not mandatory, over 75 percent of the class attended the event.

The main brains behind this initiative were Freshman Class Dean Lauren Millette and two senior students, Joe Feeney and Aurelia Reynolds. The three came up with the idea after having seen it done at colleges, and they spearheaded an effort to involve a group of other faculty and seniors to help organize the events and the week as a whole. Once a solid group was in place to get the project off the ground, the whole school was able to do their part to make the event a success.

Millette found considerable value in the event for the entire community. In an article on Tabor's website, she said, "Healthy relationship week is designed to define, display, and celebrate healthy relationships and to educate ourselves and empower each other to notice and intervene when unhealthy relationship behaviors may arise."

For those who participated heavily in the events of the week and even those who watched from afar, the week's events provided all students and faculty a new perspective on a topic that often is not discussed as frequently as many think it should.

Boys' Lacrosse Shuts Out Fairhaven

ORR Sports Update

By Alexandra Hulsebosch

Here are the highlights from this week of sports at Old Rochester Regional High School:

Boys' Lacrosse: The Old Rochester Bulldogs boys' lacrosse team had their first shut out of the season last week against the Fairhaven Blue Devils. The win was an entire team effort starting with the goalie and finishing with the attackmen. Playing his second year of varsity, **Nate King** saved 10 of the Blue Devils' shots on net. The four starting defensemen, **Nick Rego, Gavin Fox, Justin Shay** and **Andrew Riggi**, allowed little past them. The combination of the strong defense and the stellar saves prevented the Fairhaven offense from accomplishing much of anything. Senior **Charles Tirrell** proved to be a crucial component to the team dynamic by helping the ball from the defensive zone to the critical scoring area. Tirrell had one goal and four assists. Alongside Tirrell in the midfield was **Patrick Kiernan** who finished with two goals. Attackmen **Patrick Saltmarsh** and **Corey Lunn** recorded two goals apiece. **Landon Goguen** was the leading goal scorer of the game with four goals and one assist. This win advanced Old Rochester to 4-1 overall and undefeated 3-0 in the SCC. The second game of the week against Dighton-Rehoboth was rescheduled to May 1 due to inclement weather.

Girls' Lacrosse: The girls' lacrosse team hosted

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Fairhaven at home last Wednesday and also recorded a 19-4 win. The Lady Bulldogs with unmatched intensity easily won the game. Like the boys' team, it all started with the goalie. Sophomore **Gates Tenerowicz** made nine saves. The Fairhaven Blue Devils had a difficult time getting past the strong defense the Bulldogs provided. **Molly Lanagan, Julia Barrett, Caroline Thomas**, and **Mary Butler** restricted the Blue Devils from many shots on net. In the offensive zone, midfielder **Madison Cooney** along with the attack duo of **Emily Hiller** and **Ali Hulsebosch** each managed four goals. Hiller and Hulsebosch also recorded three and eight assists, respectively. Additionally, **Megan Shay** scored three times, **Avery O'Brien-Nichols** contributed two, and **Taylor Lee** added a goal. The Lady Bulldogs continue with a perfect record of 6-0/ 3-0 SCC. Old Rochester was scheduled to host Dighton-Rehoboth last Friday; however, the game was rained out and rescheduled to May 1.

Baseball: In their lone matchup of the week, the Old Rochester Bulldogs beat Dighton-Rehoboth 6-2. The DR Falcons started the game off fast and furious by scoring two runs in the first inning. However, when the second inning began, Old Rochester stepped it up. Junior starter **Michael Kenefick** managed to retire 14 of the last 16 batters he faced and only permitted three hits, two strikeouts, and two walks. The Bulldogs advanced the score to 3-2 by the end of the fourth inning, but soon

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created a greater lead from their opponents. **Chris Labelle** and **William Hopkins** hit back-to-back singles. **Jacob Asiaf** returned them home after hitting a three-run home run. This put Old Rochester at a 6-2 lead. **John Breault** and Kenefick each had singles, while Hopkins recorded three hits, a single, double, triple, RBI, and scored three runs. **David Arruda** pitched in the seventh inning, which had no score.

Girls' Tennis: The girls' tennis team faced Wareham this past week and won 5-0. In the first singles, **Delaney Pothier** faced Elise Abbott and swept her away in a 6-0, 6-0 defeat. **Danielle Nutter**, playing second singles, continued the winning streak and won 6-0, 6-2 over Natalia Moulding. **Charlotte Cole** had a 6-0, 6-1 gain over Wareham's Katie Russo. Not only did the Lady Bulldogs triumph over their Wareham in singles, but Old Rochester remained the winners of both doubles matchups. **Emma Collings** and **Kinsley Dickerson** played together at first doubles and came up with a 6-2, 6-3 win. Playing in their first varsity match, **Zoe Bilodeau** and **Gracey Weedall** contributed with a 6-2, 6-3 win. Old Rochester remains undefeated with a record of 5-0, 4-0 SCC.

Boys' Tennis: The boys' tennis team was no different. They won their match against Wareham 5-0 to maintain their perfect record of 4-0, 4-0 SCC. **Caleb Jagoda** and **Geoffrey Noonan** both notched 6-0, 6-0 wins in the first and second singles. Making his varsity debut,

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Jack Cadden managed a 6-0, 6-2 victory at the third singles. **Jake Thompson** and **Colin O'Malley** played strongly together to achieve a 6-1, 6-0 win. First-time varsity players **Joe Sheridan** and **Emmett McQuade** also notched a 6-1, 6-0 victory in the second doubles.

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To the Editor:

On April 27 at the Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting, we may finally get to the bottom of the ongoing saga regarding the ORCTV takeover of the education function of the media program at ORR, vs. the Superintendent of ORR School District. The Superintendent was notified late last year that the ORCTV would no longer fund the media program. The present contract would not be renewed and will cease on 30 June 2017. This program covers about 130 students encompassing all the schools in the district. Who authorized ORCTV to make such a bold move?

What does ORCTV have to offer the schools? Where are the lesson plans? Where are the qualified

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teachers? What certification and qualifications does ORCTV have to offer? When did you notify the School Committees, or were they in the dark on this process? Why should the Superintendent go before the ORCTV Board of Directors and beg for the program funds, which they should provide in the first place?

ORCTV needs to fully explain their position and seek guidance from the Tri-Town Selectmen. It is my understanding, the ORCTV organization was established to collect funds from the cable companies and then administer the funds to various PEG programs (i.e., Public, Education, Government). ORCTV has collected those funds, and to date has accumulated hundreds of thousands of dollars in CDs at Eastern Bank. The school district has always had a difficult time funding the program and hasn't seen a change in the funding for many years. The funds squirreled away at Eastern Bank should be available to fund some portion of the media program. Why should we be capitalizing Eastern Bank?

Everyone involved in this saga need to get together and work on a solution, or, the media program is going to blow up and everyone will be highly embarrassed. This includes the Selectmen, the School Superintendent, the three town School Committees, and the citizens of the three towns.

ORCTV needs new leadership and it needs it now. There are solutions to the problem.

Colonel Arnold Briggs, Concerned Citizen, West Wareham

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To the Editor:

A View of Marion's Town Meeting Warrant and Future Financial Situation.

Marion voters head to the May 8, 2017 Town Meeting to act on $30.8 million in warrant articles. That's a lot of money for our small Town – $12,314 for each of our 2,500 taxpayers.

The operating budget is $22 million; water and sewer $5.1 million; and separate warrant authorizations and approvals including the special meeting are $3.7 million.

FY 2018 begins serious capital spending on various Town projects such as the wastewater treatment plant upgrades that will be financed with $1.9 million

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7:30 AM Seniors on The Move
8:00 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 AM Dr. Carey Baby Care
9:00 AM Ben and Bella
9:30 AM Ben and Bella
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking
10:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy
11:00 AM Painting Journeys
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM The Kamla Show
2:00 PM Off The Shelf
2:30 PM Science 360
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:30 PM Legal Ease
5:00 PM 30 Medical Minuets
5:30 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
6:00 PM The Folklorist
6:30 PM Marion Natural History Museme
8:00PM The Collective Chat
8:30PM Lived Experiences of Adult Caregivers
10:00 PM Painting Journeys
11:00 PM J9 on 9

Friday April 28, 2017
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors On The Move - Dealing With Incontinence
8:00 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 AM The Chico and Bman Show
9:00 AM Ben and Bella - The Camping Trip
9:30 AM What's Linda Cooking
10:00 AM Eat Well Be Happy
10:30 AM Dr. Carey Baby Care
11:00 AM Eat Well Be Happy
11:30 AM The Kamla Show - Caitlin Powers
12:00 PM Movie
2:00 PM Fast Forward
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters
3:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
3:30 PM Painting Journeys
4:30 PM Painting Journeys
5:30 PM The Folklorist
6:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History
7:30 PM A Taste of Theater
8:00 PM A Taste of Theater
8:30 PM Language of Business
9:30 PM Deutsche Welle
10:00 PM Deutsche Welle
10:30 PM Lived Experiences of Adult Caregivers

Saturday April 29, 2017
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
7:30 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
8:00 AM The Children's Corner
8:30 AM Ben and Bella - The Airport
9:00 AM Ben and Bella - The Train Station
9:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
10:30 AM The Collective Chat - Episode 6 Interview 4
11:00 AM Words on Film
12:00 PM ORRHS F.O.R.M Instrumental Concert
2:00 PM OHS Elementary Advice Show
2:30 PM Eat Well Be Happy
3:00 PM Whats Linda Cooking
3:30 PM NSF Science 360
4:00 PM The Kamla Show - Mark Wellington
4:30 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
5:00 PM STEM in 30
5:30 PM Perils For Pedestrians
6:00 PM ORRHS Poetry contest
6:30 PM Language of Business
7:30 PM Painting Journeys
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society

Sunday April 30, 2017
7:00 AM The New Testament Church of Cedarville
8:00 AM What's New Massachuttes
11:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
11:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
12:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
12:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
2:30 PM First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM Seniors on the Move
4:30 PM Navigating the Way for Seniors
5:00 PM Conversations with Dr.Don
6:00 PM Rochester Historical Society
7:00 PM Mr. ORR
9:00 PM The New Testament Church of Cedarville
10:00 PM Off the Shelf
10:30 PM Southcoast Matters

Monday May 1st, 2017
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move - Stroke
8:00 AM 30 Medical Minuets
8:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy
9:00 AM Whats Linda Cooking
9:30 AM Dr. Carey Baby Care
10:00 AM Cape Cod Health News
10:30 AM Children Corner
11:00 AM The Chico and Bman Show
11:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM What's New Massachuttes
2:00 PM Science 360
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Off the Shelf
3:30 PM A Taste of Theater
4:00 PM Women to Women
4:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
5:00 PM Perils For Pedestrians
5:30 PM Sci-Fi Journal
6:30 PM Fast Forwards
7:00 PM Navigating the Way for Seniors
7:30 PM Legal Ease
8:00 PM Painting Journeys
9:00 PM The Folklorist
9:30 PM Rochester Boy Scouts

Tuesday May 2nd, 2017
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move - Aching Bones
8:00 AM Painting Journeys
9:00 AM Children's Corner
9:30 AM The Chico and Bman Show
11:00 AM Healthy Cooking with Coastline
11:30 AM Whats Linda Cooking
12:00 PM Movie
2:00 PM Upper Cape Tech Presents - Therapeutic Body Work
2:30 PM The Yoga Mat
3:30 PM The Kamla Show
4:00 PM A Taste of Theater - Rory Sheriff
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum
5:30 PM Rochester Boy Scouts
7:00 PM Painting Journey
8:00 PM Science 360
8:30 PM Science 360
9:00 PM J9 on 9
9:30 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
10:00 PM Women to Women

Wednesday May 3, 2017
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Senior Scene
8:00 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 AM Ben and Bella
9:00 AM Ben and Bella
9:30 AM Recipes Unwrapped - Salads and Sliders
10:00 AM Recipes Unwrapped - Pizza
10:30 AM Upper Cape Tech Presents - Medical Records and Billing
11:00 AM Sidewalk Entertainment
11:30 PM Painting Journeys
12:30 PM Movie
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM The Kamla Show - Caitlin Powers
3:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Fire and Police Department
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Peter McDonald
6:30 PM Conversations With Dr.Don
7:30 PM Words on Film
8:30 PM Sci-Fi Jounral
9:30 PM Medical Minuets

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7:00 AM Marion School Committee - March 15, 2017
9:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission - March 22, 2017
12:00 PM Marion Planning Board - April 3, 2017
1:31 PM Marion Board of Selectmen - April 4, 2017
4:30 PM Marion School Committee - March 15, 2016
6:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen - April 4, 2017
8:30 PM Marion Planning Board - April 3, 2017
10:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission - March 22, 2017

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7:00 AM Rochester School Committee - March 23, 2017
9:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - April 18, 2017
11:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - February 23, 2017
11:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
1:00 PM Rochester Board Selectmen - April 10, 2017
4:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - February 23, 2017
6:00 PM Rochester Board Selectmen - April 10, 2017
6:30 PM Rochester Planning Board - April 11, 2017
9:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - April 18, 2017

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7:25 AM SMEC YMCA Music Video 2017
7:30 AM ORRHS VJ PSA's
8:00 AM Mr. ORR 2017
10:00 AM ORR F.O.R.M Instrumental Concert 2017
12:00 PM The Dog Pound Rundown - Episode 6
1:00 PM Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
1:30 PM Mr. ORR 2017
3:30 PM ORR Elementary Advice Show - Episode 1
4:30 PM The Dog Pound Rundown - Episode 6
5:00 PM ORR F.O.R.M Instrumental Concert 2017
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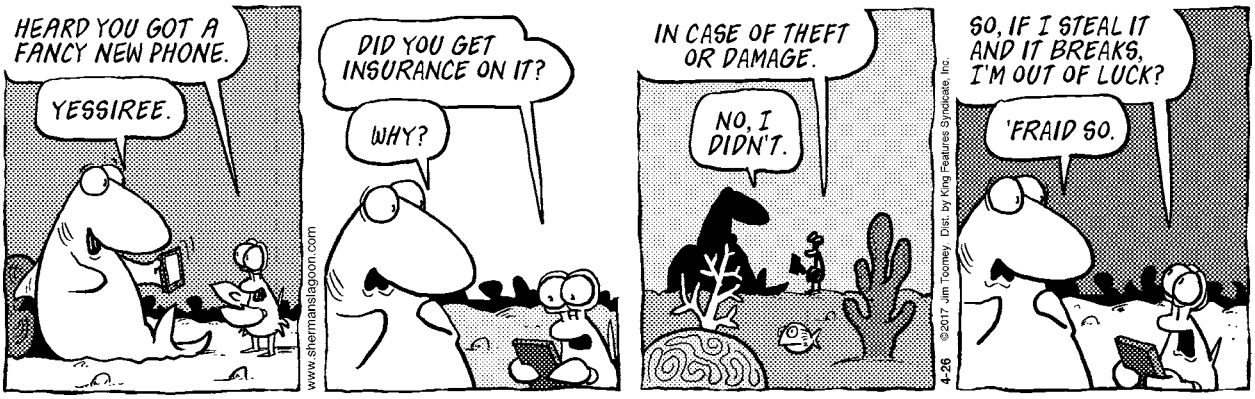

in debt. The Capital Committee's 10-year forecast of $85 million appears in the Town Report. Considering $12 million for Town House spending, the capital forecast during a 36-month window FY 2018-20 will be $42 million.

With changing Town demographics and an aging population, educational spending is significant with 48 cents of each tax $1.00 going to the school budgets. The budget includes $10.5 million for education. The Council on Aging budget is $137,000 which is less than we pay for two Sippican School band teachers with six month contracts.

The warrant contains an authorization for Marion's share of a Tri-Town independent review of ORR

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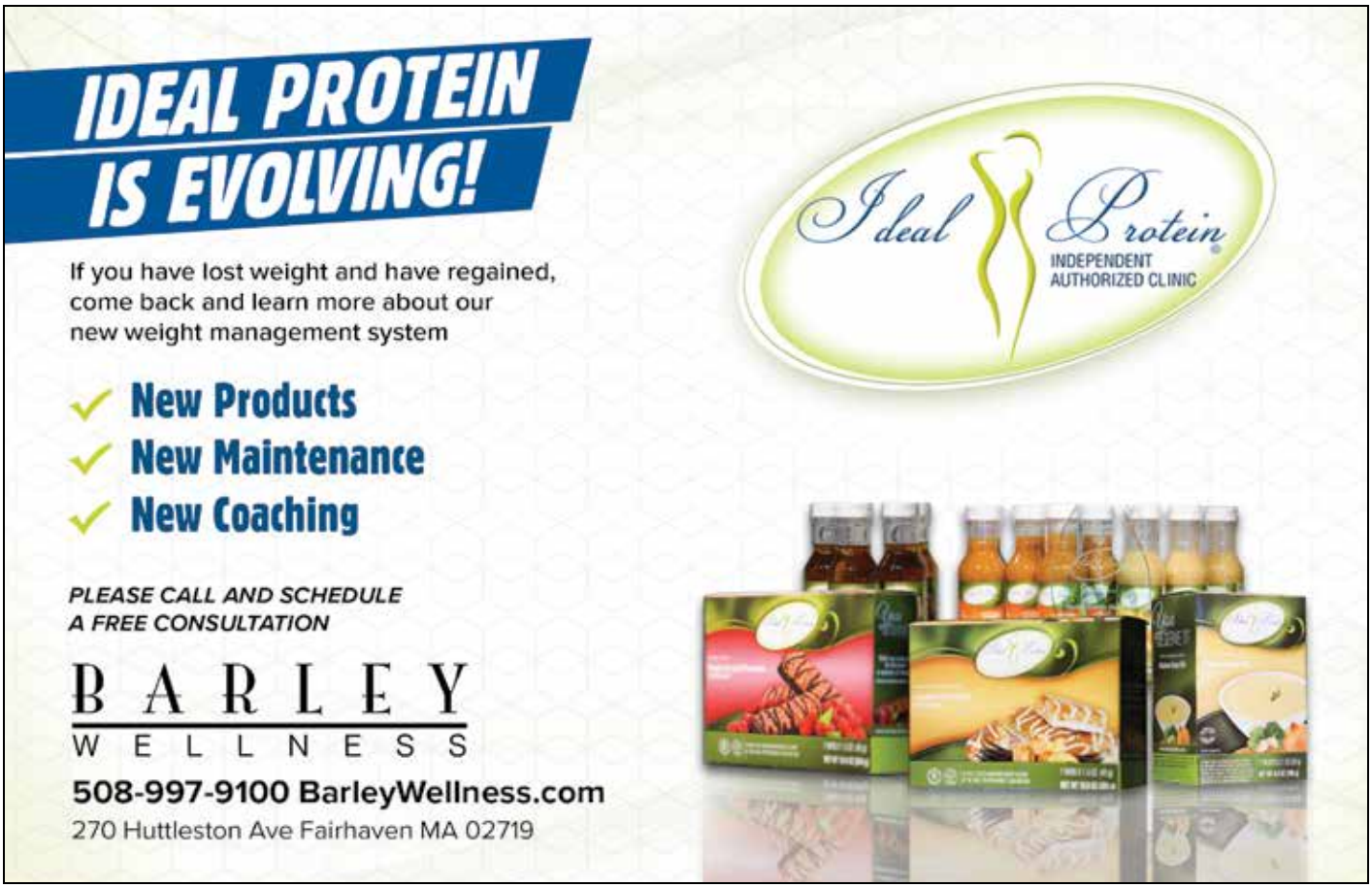

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spending. A similar review for Sippican School spending too should be considered by a future Town Meeting. School spending needs serious taxpayer attention and administrative realignment.

Marion's current, forecasted and unfunded liabilities, obligations, commitments and capital spending are estimated to be approximately $170,000,000 or benchmarked at $68,000 for each of Marion's 2,500 taxpayers: $34,000 per capita based on population of 5,000 or 11% of your property value. This amount consists of debt $40 million; Ten Year Capital forecast $85 million, cost of future debt financing $21 million and unfunded retirement liabilities of $24 million net of the funding reserve.

Marion needs to focus on what is needed in the form of basic municipal services, and not what special interest groups want; the province of private fundraising.

The EPA has issued its permit ultimatum for the sewer system. The five-year permit now outlines what Marion will be required to spend on meeting wastewater discharge among other permit requirements. This will become very expensive for Marion and will trigger the sewer war over who pays for all this expense which can be added to the current Town House spending controversy.

Last year, the Town was presented a $ 28 million proposal for a combination Town House, senior center and library complex to be funded by 2,500 taxpayers. After expensive spending on design work, this proposal was rejected as too expensive. Soon expect to see a special interest project proposal to make an Olympic style venue sports complex at ORR notwithstanding ORR's $21 million unfunded retirement obligations of which Marion's share is included in the unfunded obligations above. Grass seed should work well for Marion's aging taxpayers as a good alternative for ORR's field restoration.

Marion continues to struggle with its municipal management. Gresham's law is at work. There is a short supply of qualified individuals willing to run for public office and to serve on boards and committees.

May is an important decision month for Marion voters with Town Meeting and elections. Individual

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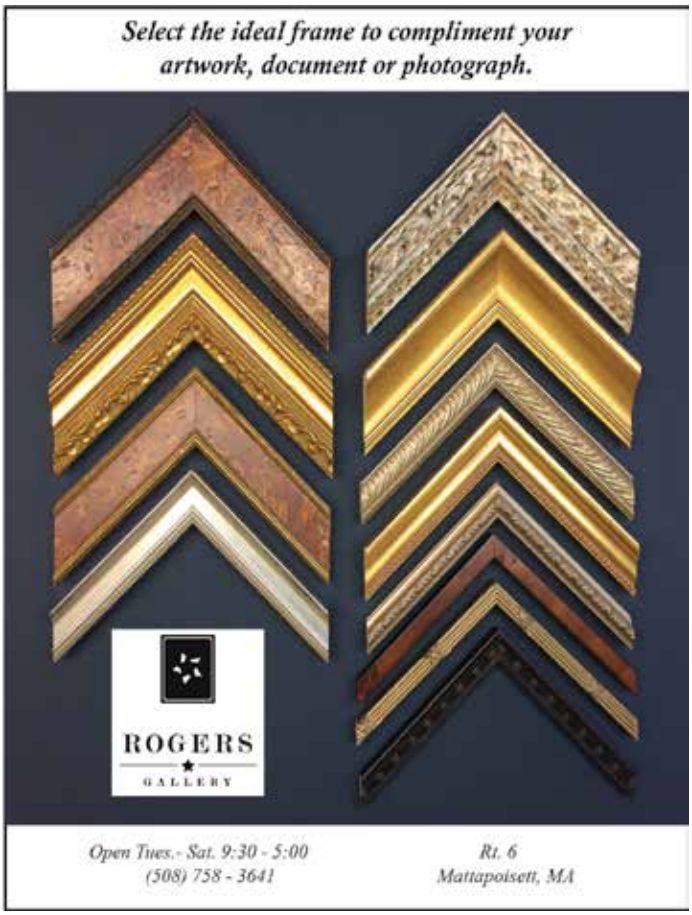
Ted North, Marion

Dear Tri-Town Residents:

Did you contact your elected state officials regarding the importance of funding education and, in particular, of funding regional school district transportation? You must have, because better proposals have been made recently. So, thank you.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' House Ways and Means Committee recently released their proposed 2018 budget. In it, they recommend an additional $15 million more than Governor Baker's budget for education programs, also known as "Chapter 70." Included in that increase was an additional one million dollars for regional school transportation (the Governor's budget didn't provide any new funds for regional transportation).* Even if this increase passes, the State will not meet its promise of 100% reimbursement for regional school districts' transportation costs (beyond 1.5 miles). However, this increase does at least address the reduction that would have occurred if no additional funds had been allocated due to higher costs of transportation. (If costs go up, but funding does not, that means our local



school is paying the difference.)

In addition, both the Governor's and the House Ways and Means' budgets allocate an additional $40 million for the "municipal aid account" to help cities and towns fund projects, which may free up additional resources for schools, if a town so chooses.*

Don't breathe a sigh of relief yet, though. The process is not over. There are many other groups regularly lobbying for funding, so if education is important to you, you must let your state officials know it right now. Please call or email them to tell them your priorities. Contact information for all elected officials is available on the MA Legislature's website (https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator).

Thank you so much for your continued support of education in the Tri-Town.

Sincerely,
Heather Burke, Marion
**Source = "Legislative bulletin," MASC, April 11, 2017*

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the residents of the Town, and the Thomas Daener Family, we would like to take this opportunity to say a sincere thank you to each and every one of the following individuals who made the Rob Daener Night on April 8 such a great success: Dr. Amy Wiegandt, Knights of Columbus, Mattapoisett Lions Club, Mattapoisett Highway Department, Mattapoisett Fire Department, Mattapoisett Police Department, Mattapoisett Town Employees, Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Police Chief Mary Lyons, Fire Chief Andy Murray, Barry Denham, Monaghan Printing, Ray Andrews, Dan White, Rick and Joanne LeBlanc, Nancy and Bernie Gauvin, Theresa and Al Fidalgo, Bob LeBlanc, Louise Vandal, Ann Florio, Frances Cairnes, Tom Muldoon, Mack Caban, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Ray, Sarah Audette, Paul Stubbs, Jim Rottler, Mark Cabral, Dan King, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rego, Christine Richards, Jim & Gloria Alferes, Billy Melendez, Andy Bobola, Cindi Bobola, Shea Bobola, Kathy Costello, and all our musicians and food servers, volunteers, the bartenders and our MC Kenny Pacheco.

We cannot thank our local businesses for their tremendous support and donations along with our surrounding towns hitting the grand total of $35,000!

Lastly and most importantly, it is our Town that remains "So Special" and now we really know why!

The Daener Family would like to express the fact that having a disease such as MS is not always treatable and has to be dealt with on a day-to-day basis, and they truly hope that having this type of event will be the start to a new beginning for those experiencing life challenges.

Melody Pacheco

Rochester Historical Social Yard Sale

The Rochester Historical Society will hold a yard sale at the East Rochester Church/Museum, 355 County

OBITUARIES

John E. MacGregor, 78, of Rochester, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at Tobey Hospital, in Wareham. He was the husband of 56 years, of Judith D. "Judy" (Walton) MacGregor.

Born in New Bedford, son of the late Andrew J. and Dorothy (Howes) MacGregor, he was a lifelong resident of Rochester. John was a member of the South Primitive Methodist Church, in New Bedford, and a graduate of New Bedford High School. He served in the U.S. Navy after the Korean War.

John had worked as a surveyor years ago for Walter Rowley, in Wareham, and then as a driver for UPS for 15 years until his retirement. After retiring John kept busy with his own firewood, hay and snowplowing businesses. He enjoyed hunting trips to Vermont, gardening, antique cars and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife; five sons, Peter S. MacGregor and his wife Carolyn of Rochester, Jon A. MacGregor and his wife Kristen of Centreville, MD, Daniel R. MacGregor and his wife Kate of Rochester, Mark P. MacGregor and his wife Melissa of Rochester and Andrew S. MacGregor and his wife Heather of Mattapoisett; a daughter, Nancy E. Gilroy of Long Beach, NY; and 16 grandchildren, Ian, Meg, Eli, Kade, Dorrie, Ethan, Connor, Mariah, Martha, Braden, Keane, Rylan, Emma, Brendan, Duncan and Drew.

Calling hours were held Friday, April 21, 2017 in the Donaghy Funeral Home, 465 County St., New Bedford, with a service following.

Cremation followed and interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, do something nice to help another.

Giselle D. Bessette-Wiswell, 62 of Mattapoisett died April 20, 2017 peacefully at home surrounded by her family.

She was the wife of Philip M. Wiswell.

Born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Roland P. and Dorothy E. (Borges) Bessette, she lived in Mattapoisett all of her life.

Giselle was formerly employed as a paper carrier with the Standard-Times and Boston Globe in Mattapoisett for many years.

She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren and attending the sporting events, plays and musicals of her grandchildren. Giselle also enjoyed music and the company of her dogs, Bear, Bailey and Midgey.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Aaron Hussey and his wife Aimee-Beth of New Bedford; 2 daughters, Brianne Lienkamp and her husband Christian of Mattapoisett and Kyla Hussey and her fiancé Darrell Charron of Mattapoisett; 2 sisters, Jo-Anne Bessette of Northampton and Carole Hedrick of Chelmsford; 6 grandchildren, Cassandra, Keelin, Trystan, Aiden, Eric and Austin; and many nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Kevin Bessette and Jacqueline Bessette.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, April 29th at 10 am in St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours are omitted. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Southcoast VNA Hospice and Palliative Care, 200 Mill Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Ann Jenkins Prouty, 101, of North Dartmouth, Mass. passed away peacefully on April 21, 2017. Born in Winnetka, Illinois on January 14, 1916, she was the daughter of the late Austin Dickinson Jenkins and Martha Frothingham Ritchie.

Mrs. Prouty was a graduate of North Shore Country Day School and Smith College (Class of 1937), and was a popular teacher at The Lincoln School in Providence, RI for several years. She formerly lived in Holden and Worcester, MA and also maintained a residence in Marion and Mattapoisett before moving to Autumn Glen Assisted Living in North Dartmouth, MA in 2005.

An accomplished violinist, avid reader and worldwide traveler, Mrs. Prouty was also an enthusiastic sailor, skier, golfer and birder. Her sharp mind never left her and she remained a whiz at Scrabble and crossword puzzles to the end. She was also a loyal lifelong Red Sox fan. Known for her grace, dignity, modesty, generosity, wit, kindness and enormous strength, she was an inspiration to all who knew her will be deeply missed by her family.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Richard Prouty, her sisters, Janet Miller and Martha Munro, her son, Richard Prouty, Jr., her daughter, Jane Chapin Prouty, and her grandson, Skyler Prouty-O'Brien. Survivors include her son, Jonathan J. Prouty and his wife Mary of Fort Collins, CO, her daughter Hilary J. Prouty and her partner Travis Cosaboom of Oldwick, NJ, and her son, Lewis I. Prouty and his wife Jennifer of Mattapoisett, MA. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Serena Van Rensselaer, R. Miles Van Rensselaer and his wife Sari, Richard L Prouty and his partner Kim, Hilary Prouty Vineyard and her husband Sam, Emily Prouty Hammond and her husband Rob, Ann Prouty and her husband Austin Krcmarik, David H. Prouty and Michael J. Prouty; and three great-grandsons, Aziz Foroughi, Oliver Vineyard and Alden Krcmarik, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services will be private. Contributions may be made in her memory to The Joy of Music, 1 Gorham Street, Worcester, MA 01605 or The Mattapoisett Historical Society, 5 Church Street, PO Box 535, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Arrangements are in the care of Callahan Fay & Caswell Funeral Home, 61 Myrtle Street, Worcester, MA 01608

George T. Haley, 73, of Marion, formerly of Newton died Thursday, April 20, 2017 at Tobey Hospital in Wareham. He was the husband of Marie J. (Archambault) Haley. Father of Eric Haley and his wife Thea of New Canaan, CT, Catherine Epstein and her husband Doug of Camas, WA, Charles Haley and his wife Kim of Hingham and Georges Haley and his partner Patrick Carpenter of Boston. Brother of Charles Haley of Troy, NY and Bernard Haley of WA. Also surviving are 8 grandchildren.

Visiting hours were held Sunday, Apr. 23 at the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Highway (Rt. 28), Wareham. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, Apr. 25 at St. Rita's Church, 113 Front St., Marion. Interment followed in Mass. National Cemetery, Bourne.

Movie Review

Nothin' but Star Wars

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story. **Starring Felicity Jones and Diego Luna. Directed by Gareth Edwards. Running time: 133 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now on home video.**

Between regular "saga" entries of the *Star Wars* franchise, we can now expect interstitial forays like *Rogue One,* which tells the story of how the Death Star came to have a weak spot into which Luke Skywalker so triumphantly squeezed laser blasts in the original *Star Wars.* This sort of "untold story" is symptomatic of the nerdish desire to explain everything, tie everything up neatly. After all, the question of why such a fortified super-weapon should have an Achilles' heel has plagued the world for some forty years. Now we learn it's not a bug, it's a feature, put there by clever scientist Galen Erso (Mads Mikkelsen), who has been pressed into service by the Empire to work on their big new Rebellion-crushing toy.

Rogue One follows Galen's daughter Jyn (Felicity Jones), a hard-bitten young woman very much in the mold of Daisy Ridley's Rey from *The Force Awakens.* Rarely smiling, much less showing affection for anyone other than her long-lost daddy, Jyn is apparently *nouveau Star Wars'* idea of the deromanticized heroine, the brave and driven woman with no lovey-dovey distractions. This is fine with me, believe me, but the film's screenwriters (Chris Weitz and Tony Gilroy are credited) forget to humanize Jyn in any other sense. (Her preoccupation with running a mission to realize her father's plan just defines her in terms of a man anyway.)

The story is simple — Jyn has to get the Death Star plans, which include where the thing's weakness is, into the hands of Princess Leia — and the movie is much more consistently and consciously a war picture than any other *Star Wars* film. Things blow up, large objects plummet and fly apart, Stormtroopers and Rebel warriors kill and die by the dozens. After a while, the combat becomes numbing, monotonous, locked into the technology from the original trilogy (the lumbering AT-ATs from *The Empire Strikes Back* make an appearance). Despite all this, the plot is needlessly convoluted, involving a variety of ragged grayhats who come together in the common cause of defeating the Empire. If there's a reason the extremist character Saw Gerrera (Forest Whitaker) really needed to be in the movie, I've already forgotten it. *Rogue One* starts wearing out its welcome at about the hour mark, and there's another 75 minutes to go; the movie, lumbering like those AT-ATs, feels like it stomps along forever.

Some humanity occasionally peeks over the rubble. Everyone enjoyed Alan Tudyk's vocal performance as the reformed/reprogrammed Imperial droid K-2SO, who tends towards brutal honesty at inopportune times, and I liked him too. The ethnic diversity of the cast is a merit, including the calming Zen presence of Donnie Yen as the blind warrior Chirrut Îmwe, who feels one with the Force even if he's not an official Jedi. Oddly, the Stormtroopers, reliably inept and fond of doofus small talk about the latest tech (someone on this production remembered the goofball Stormtrooper exchange about the VT-16 in *Star Wars*), seem to be the most relatable characters despite being cannon fodder — but then, almost everyone in *Rogue One* is cannon fodder.

That's a potentially interesting thing to do in a $200 million movie that's part of a billion-dollar franchise — a nihilistic, die-with-honor war film. Here, though, it comes off as a little cold. Seeing all those Stormtroopers bite it, I was reminded again that at least a few of them could be like Finn in *The Force Awakens,* sickened by slaughter and in desperate need of flight and redemption. *Rogue One* couldn't care less about that, and cares scarcely more about the Rebel Alliance heroes. The people we're introduced to in *Rogue One* will never be seen again in the films (I suppose there might be spin-off comics or novels about them), their ultimate sacrifice known by few and remembered by fewer. *Empire Strikes Back* had its dark and dissonant moments (I still remember a post-torture Han Solo moaning "They didn't even ask me any questions"), but at least it wasn't *depressing.*

Road, Rochester on Saturday, **May 20** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Items may be donated for the sale on each Friday morning in May from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. No clothing or electronics, please. Any questions, please call 508-763-2122.

Adult Programs at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Free Technology Workshops: Thursdays in May at 11:00 am. Come to the Elizabeth Taber Library to learn more about using email, social media, and taking advantage of all that the library resources have to offer. Workshops will include: May 4: Magazines, movies, more books, oh my. (ETL's free online resources); May 11: Find your next Great Read through online resources.

To register for any one of these workshops, please stop in, call us at 508-748-1252, or email Libby at eoneill@sailsinc.org.

Deer Ticks: One Bite Can Change Your Life: Thursday, **May 4**, 4:00 pm. Lyme disease is the most prevalent infectious disease in Massachusetts and is now considered to be a public health crisis. In addition to Lyme, deer ticks can carry the pathogens which cause babesiosis, anaplasmosis, relapsing fever and Powassan virus. Join us on Thursday, May 4, at 4:00 pm as Entomologist Larry Dapsis reviews the basic life cycle and ecology of ticks, disease incidence rates and distribution of tick-borne illnesses. A three point protection plan will be presented – Protect Yourself, Protect Your Yard and

TriTown Happenings

DREAMFAR High School Marathon Program participants at ORR are only weeks away from running 26.2 miles in Providence, RI. Some ORR members of the student running group recently ran a 20+ mile run in Boston in preparation for the Providence Marathon to be held on May 7. Many of the kids – and some of the mentoring adults – have never run before, especially on the scale of a marathon. They trained through the winter of 2016-17, running outdoors in rain, sleet, and bone-chilling South Coast wind to get to this point. Photos by E. Bednarczyk

J. Peter Bergman, director of communications for the Herman Melville homestead museum Arrowhead, gave a presentation at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on the similarities between Melville and Edna St. Vincent Millay on April 23. Photo by Marilou Newell

Stephen Chicco shared this picture of a pair of fox pups on Converse Point in Marion

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Protect your Pet. Tick-borne diseases are preventable.

Larry Dapsis received his B.S. in Environmental Science & Biology at Fitchburg State University and an M.S. in Entomology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Mr. Dapsis has 35 years of professional pest management experience including vegetables, cranberries and household insects. He joined Cape Cod Cooperative Extension in 2011 as Deer Tick Project Coordinator and Entomologist. For more information, please call us at 508-748-1252.

Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold the final meeting of the year on **May 3** at Post 280 at 5:30 pm. Social time is 5:30 pm; dinner is at 6:00 pm.

The meal will be lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, and pie for dessert. In lieu of a speaker, this will be our First Annual Business Meeting. I will present our accomplishments during this past year, and take a look ahead at the next year. I also would like to extend my appreciation to all who did make it a very successful year.

Callers and members are asked to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy. Caller lists should be done and reported no later than 9:00 pm on Monday, May 1 by email to GPFNR@AOL.COM or by phone to Mike at 508-758-9311. Members with requests or changes can contact Mike by phone at 508-758-9311 no later than 9:00 am on Tuesday, May 2.

EAST MARION COLONIAL
Meticulous Colonial style home set on a professionally landscaped .76 acre lot, adjacent to the Piney Point neighborhood. An ideal family home boasting eat-in kitchen with center island, den with fireplace and custom built-ins, formal living room, dining room, half bathroom and mudroom with laundry. The second floor has 4 bedrooms, one full secondary bathroom and a spacious master bedroom with en suite full bath. A partially finished basement with ample storage finishes off the inside of the home. A generous deck that spans the rear of the house and is accessed from within both the kitchen and dining room, provides a wonderful flow for entertaining family and friends.
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EAST MARION NEW CONSTRUCTION
Newly constructed home on 1.11 acres in East Marion, near Great Hill and Sippican Lands Trust trails. The first floor space includes a large kitchen, living room and dining room area with gas fireplace and access to an outdoor deck, along with a sunny reading area, powder room, laundry and mudroom. To complete the first floor a spacious master suite includes 2 walk-in closets a luxurious master bathroom with marble floors and a Restoration Hardware double vanity, makes for easy one floor living. Or head upstairs, which includes three roomy bedrooms, a study, spacious landing area and one full bath. The experienced builder used custom finishes, high-end design along with top of the line General Electric Cafe appliances and Kohler fixtures. This 3,400 square foot home is perfect for a growing family or a summer get away for multiple generations. Ample storage is available in the attic or the 2 car oversized garage.
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TriTown Happenings

Troop 53 Scoutmaster Dennis McLaughlin (right) introduces new Eagle Scout Adam Perkins, shown with his parents. Photos by Jean Perry

Matthew Kiernan is praised by Scoutmaster Dennis McLaughlin before being pinned an Eagle Scout.

Those in attendance applaud new Eagle Scout Davis Mathieu, standing with his proud parents.

After receiving his Eagle pin, Justin Sayers pins two mini Eagle pins over his mother's heart. Each parent is presented a pin and since Lee Sayers played both rolls, her son gave her both.

Herring Inspector Davis Watling Jr. marks how many herring have returned to Snipatuit Pond via the Mattapoisett River on Monday, April 24. (Right) This is the final hurdle the herring must make before returning home to spawn the next generation of alewives. Photos by Jean Perry

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Marion Spring Walk About & Artist Talk

Visit Marion for a Spring Walk About on Saturday, **April 29** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to explore the town's historic architecture and see original art. From 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Marion Art Center, hear artists Anthi Frangiadis, Kim Gatesman and Allen TenBusschen talk about their work – and the creative processes behind it – currently on exhibit at the MAC. Their group show, Black and White, features a compelling collection of charcoal drawings, electrostatic monotypes, pen & ink drawings and intaglio prints. A short walk from the Marion Art Center is Anthi Frangiadis Associates and the Drawing Room. There you can explore the architectural design process and ongoing collaborations with New England artisans. At 1:00 pm, artist Sally McCarthy, a Drawing Room collaborator, will speak at that location about her painting process. These free events are part of ArtWeek Boston. Presented by Highland Street Foundation and produced by the Boch Center, ArtWeek is an award-winning bi-annual creative festival featuring more than 150 unique, unexpected, and creative experiences that are participatory, interactive, or offer behind-the-scenes access to artists or the creative process. For more information, call the Marion Art Center at 508-748-1266 or Anthi Frangiadis Associates at 508-748-3494. The Marion Art Center is located at 80 Pleasant Street. Frangiadis Associates/Drawing Room is located at 11 Spring Street.

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Tri-town Police Logs

MARION

Log highlights April 16-April 22

- Dexter Rd – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – MV theft/past
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Maple Ave – Officer wanted
- Maple Ave - Fraud
- Cedar Ln – EMS/medical
- Benson Brook Rd – Officer wanted
- South St – Larceny/past
- Bullivant Farm Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Juvenile offense
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Route 195 West – Road hazard
- Bell Guzzle Ln – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Atlantis Dr – Suspicious MV
- Route 105 – MV collision
- West Dr – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Found property
- Wareham Rd – Follow up investigation
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Front St – Disorderly person
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Pawkechatt Way – EMS/medical
- Olde Meadow Rd – Mental health assist
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Hermitage Rd - Transport
- Sparrow Ln - Transport
- Olde Meadow Rd – Follow up

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights April 16–April 22

- Angelica Ave - Vandalism
- Old Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- Church St Ext – Health/welfare
- Captain Cross Ln – Medical/assist
- Water St - Vandalism
- Captain Cross Ln – Medical/assist
- Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd - Threats
- Mariner's Way – Ambulance request
- Beech Wood Rd – Fire/brush
- Church St Ext – Health/welfare
- Foster St – Assist citizen
- Fairhaven Rd – Restraining order
- Richard III's Ln - Fraud
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Justin Ave – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Park St – MV crash
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- Barstow St – 911 call
- Church St – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd - Notification
- Captain's Ln – Peace officer
- County Rd – Sex offenses
- Driscoll Ln – Ambulance request
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Shore Dr – Property found
- Angelica Ave – Health/welfare
- Church St Ext – Health/welfare

ROCHESTER

Log highlights April 16–April 22

- North Ave – Ambulance request
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Ambulance
- Dexter Ln – Suspicious MV
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Mary's Pond Rd – MV accident
- Walnut Plain Rd – Erratic operation
- Mendell Rd – Ambulance request
- Walnut Plain Rd – Health/welfare
- Walnut Plain Rd – Officer wanted
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious MV
- Wolf Island Rd – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – Restraining order
- Perry's Ln – Suspicious MV
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Gurney Pl – Ambulance request
- Boxberry Ln – Paper service
- Walnut Plain Rd – Ambulance request
- Cranberry Hwy – Assis other agency
- Hartley Rd – 911 hang-up
- Old Middleboro Rd – MV accident
- Springwood Dr – Animal control
- Paradise Ln – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – 911 abandoned
- Ginny's Ln – Officer wanted
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
- Mattapoisett Rd – Assist other agency
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/arrest

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, May 1: Salisbury steak, onion gravy, cheesy mashed potato, Genoa veg, oatmeal bread, peaches
Tuesday, May 2: Stuffed shells, broccoli florets, multigrain roll, sugar cookie, diet: graham wafer
Wednesday, May 3: Chicken bruschetta, Italian pasta, Tuscan veg, whole wheat bread, honeydew melon
Thursday, May 4: Hot dog, mustard & ketchup, baked beans, cabbage/carrots, hot dog roll, banana
Friday, May 5: ""Catch of the day", salsa sauce, Mexican rice, Mexicali veg, tortilla, churro

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, May 1: Philly chicken sub, fun size chips, glazed carrots, chocolate/vanilla pudding cup, fresh fruit, milk
Tuesday, May 2: Sloppy Joe sandwich, French fries, BBQ baked beans, cucumber slices, fresh fruit, milk
Wednesday, May 3: French toast, orange smiles, sausage, hash browns, fresh fruit, milk
Thursday, May 4: Cherry blossom chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie, fresh fruit, milk
Friday, May 5: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad, carrot & celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, May 1: Philly chicken sub, fun size chips, glazed carrots, chocolate/vanilla pudding
Tuesday, May 2: Sloppy Joe sandwich, French fries, BBQ baked beans, cucumber slices, fresh fruit, milk
Wednesday, May 3: French toast, orange smiles, sausage, hash browns, fresh fruit, milk
Thursday, May 4: Cherry blossom chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie, fresh fruit, milk
Friday, May 5: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad, carrot & celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, May 1: Philly chicken sub, fun size chips, glazed carrots, chocolate/vanilla pudding cup, fresh fruit, milk
Tuesday, May 2: Build a burger: cheese, lettuce, tomato, brainy broccoli, carrot & celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk
Wednesday, May 3: French toast, orange smiles, sausage, hash browns, fresh fruit, milk
Thursday, May 4: Asian chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie, fresh fruit, milk
Friday, May 5: Cheese quesadilla, salsa, sour cream, Mexican rice, tossed garden salad, fresh fruit, milk

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, May 1: Philly chicken sub, fun size chips, glazed carrots, chocolate/vanilla pudding cup, fresh fruit, milk
Tuesday, May 2: Sloppy Joe sandwich, French fries, BBQ baked beans, cucumber slices, fresh fruit, milk
Wednesday, May 3: French toast, orange smiles, sausage, hash browns, fresh fruit, milk
Thursday, May 4: Cherry blossom chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie, fresh fruit, milk
Friday, May 5: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad, carrot & celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, May 1: Philly chicken sub, fun size chips, glazed carrots, chocolate/vanilla pudding cup, fresh fruit, milk
Tuesday, May 2: Sloppy Joe sandwich, French fries, BBQ baked beans, cucumber slices, fresh fruit, milk
Wednesday, May 3: French toast, orange smiles, sausage, hash browns, fresh fruit, milk
Thursday, May 4: Cherry blossom chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie, fresh fruit, milk
Friday, May 5: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad, carrot & celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, May 1: Hot dog, fries & baked beans
Tuesday, May 2: Turkey pot pie, bread bowl w/mashed sweet potato
Wednesday, May 3: American chop suey, green beans & garlic bread
Thursday, May 4: Chicken chow mein & chop suey veggies
Friday, May 5: Taco pizza & garden salad

Making Nantucket Lightship Baskets

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is sponsoring a free demonstration of the art of making Nantucket lightship baskets at 2:00 pm on Saturday, **May 6**. Presenter Rick Padleford of East Freetown has been making Nantucket lightship baskets for over 10 years and is an expert at the craft. His partner, Melanie Dupuis, has been weaving and selling supplies to make the baskets for over 15 years. Together, the pair offers classes in basket-making in their East Freetown studio. They will demonstrate how to make a basket step-by-step and will also display several finished baskets. So if you're interested in learning how to weave a Nantucket basket yourself or just want to learn more about this centuries-old craft, please join the Friends in the downstairs meeting room of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, 508-758-4171. Parking is free and the library is handicap accessible.

Fresh Air Zumba, Free Classes for Everyone

Every Thursday beginning **May 4** (through June 8) from 10:00 - 11:00 am, join us on the grounds located between the Elizabeth Taber Library and Marion Town House, Spring Street for a free 1-hour Zumba class with certified fitness instructor Pati Cautillo. In the event of rain, the class will be held at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street.

This community wide event is co-sponsored by the Elizabeth Taber Library and Marion Council on Aging and is open to everyone regardless of age. No registration required, comfortable clothing and a water bottle are recommended. For more information, please call the Marion Council on Aging, 508-748-3570.

Marion Town Clean Up

Marion is having a Spring Cleaning and Multiple Community Events on Saturday, **May 6**.

Litter and clutter beware. Streets will be cleaned and closets cleared as the Marion Cub Scouts Pack 32 joins forces with GiftsToGive, the Marion Recreation Department, and Marion Department of Public Works to bring back the town clean-up. Please join us when we rally at Washburn Park on Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 - 11:30 am. Participants will be given trash bags, recycling bags, and gloves, and they will also be provided with yellow vests. Assignments will be handed out and participants will clear the trash and other debris left from winter's wake.

In addition to cleaning up our streets, cleaning out our closets will also be on the agenda as the GiftsToGive truck will be at Washburn Park from 8:30 - 11:30 am, collecting new and gently used children's items (please see their website for details about items they accept www.giftstogive.org/).

Litter collected will be returned to Washburn Park to create a trash mountain, a visual testament to not

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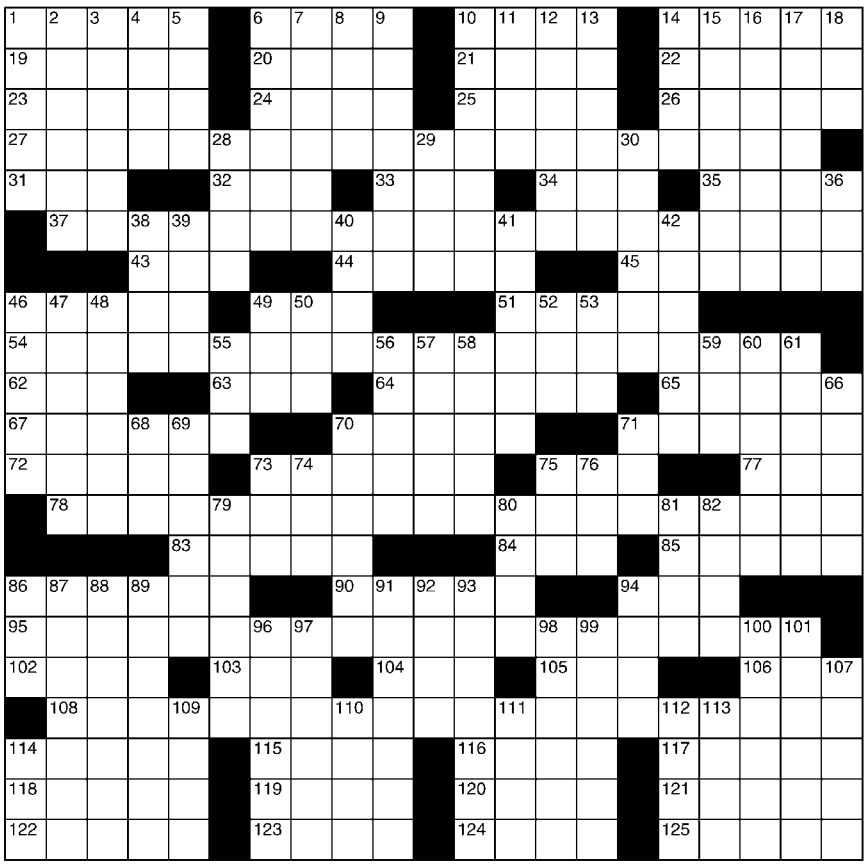
1 See 19-Across
6 Bird refuge
10 Girl, to Scots
14 Tree thicket
19 With 1-Across, spring prank victims
20 Difficult duty
21 Jai —
22 Not inclined
23 Papal topper
24 Long hike
25 Crooner Crosby
26 Tomb artifact, e.g.
27 Failure to keep developing a villain's character?
31 Summer zodiac sign
32 On an ad — basis
33 "Sprechen — Deutsch?"
34 Decade count
35 "I — care"
37 Person forging duel weapons for a big film studio?
43 Trailer-park parkers, for short
44 "— deal?" ("Are we on?")
45 Nun's string of beads
46 Lederer who was better known as Ann Landers
49 Poke (out)
51 Nomadic sort
54 Head demons licensed to market products?
62 Article south of the border
63 It increases on a birthday
64 Single-file
65 Somewhat, informally
67 Alternative to a Cert or a Tic Tac
70 Hamburger unit
71 More gutsy?
72 "— is human"
73 Estevez of the screen
75 Letter #26
77 Gobble down
78 Newly coined synonyms for depression?
83 — buddy (close friend)
84 Dad's mate
85 Anxious
86 Volcanic peak in N. Oregon
90 Limerick's rhyme pattern
94 Cedar's kin
95 Providing refuge for people who use bleach?
102 Granola bit
103 Adore, cutesily
104 Hosp. test
105 Exist
106 Go quickly
108 Babies seen moving wavily in prenatal scans?
114 Shaw of jazz
115 Rear, as legs
116 Film director Ephron
117 Puts freight on
118 Very best performance
119 Met melody
120 A part of
121 Action scene
122 Fight off
123 Nastassja Kinski film
124 Camp sight
125 Cheeky

DOWN
1 Lethal
2 Shared views
3 Speaking pro
4 Old Italian coin
5 Mill refuse
6 Later
7 Tenor Caruso
8 Files a case against
9 Gives a double cluck of reproach
10 Diagnostic procedure
11 Et —
12 Wooed with a melody
13 Contract inker, e.g.
14 Rudely terse
15 New York tribe
16 Lummox
17 Device used in Twister
18 End-of-list abbr.
28 Units of resistance
29 "Oh yes, Juan!"
30 Russia's Gromyko
36 Go for it
38 "— go bragh!"
39 With, to Yves
40 Act of liturgy
41 Battle shout
42 To a greater extent
46 Key above D
47 Literary intro
48 Pale shade
49 Sprightly dance
50 Consume
52 "Looky here!"
53 Ex-combat GIs' gp.
55 Possessed
56 Watch faces
57 "Nay" voters
58 Betray by blabbing
59 And not
60 Most arid
61 Cooks, as some clams
66 Dilettantish
68 Gold, to Juan
69 1950 Asimov classic
70 "Simple Simon met a — ..."
71 Prefix with caching
73 Frozen water, to Wilhelm
74 L followers
75 Beastly site?
76 Elegant tree
79 First Ford car
80 Online 'zine
81 Increase
82 Apropos of
86 Eds.' piles
87 See 94-Down
88 Lift in the back of a shoe
89 Quaint
91 Task lists
92 Ran in the wash
93 Baseballer Randy Johnson's nickname, with "the"
94 With 87-Down, get a strong desire
96 Charge to attack
97 Côte d'—
98 Strong-force particle
99 AWOL pupil
100 Greek island
101 Vampy types
107 Elia offering
109 Angling need
110 États- —
111 Nil
112 "Ah, so sad"
113 O'Hara home
114 Swiss river



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A sudden change of plans could lead to a misunderstanding with a friend or family member. Be ready to offer a full explanation of your decision. A past favor is returned.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Expect pressure from those who want you to change your position on a matter of importance. However, the determined Bovine will be able to withstand the bullying and win out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's time to stop dwelling on past disappointments and move on to other possibilities. By week's end, you'll be meeting new people and making new plans for the future.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A long-simmering situation between co-workers threatens to heat up and could create problems with your work schedule. Best advice: Consult a supervisor on how to proceed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might have just learned that someone close to you is keeping a secret. And, of course, the Cat's curiosity has gone into overdrive. But be patient. All is revealed soon enough.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't give up. The recognition citing the good work you recently did will come through. Meanwhile, an opportunity opens up that can lead to a lot of traveling later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A financial crunch eases, but it's still a good idea to keep a tight rein on what you spend for nonessentials. Education becomes a major focus as the week winds down.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Recent encounters with stressful situations could require some restorative measures to get your energy levels back up. Talk to your doctor about a diet and exercise program.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) New connections follow changes on the job or in your personal life. But keep your feelings reined in until these relationships have a chance to develop.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Pay more attention to your aches and pains, but avoid self-diagnoses. Seek professional advice to make sure these problems won't lead to something more serious.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You love doing research and learning new things, so you'll be happy to know that education becomes a big part of your life at this time, and for some time to come.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your Piscean penchant for doing things logically could be challenged by an equally strong emotional reaction to a new situation. Best advice: Keep the two factors in balance.

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The DPW/SEMASS is also offering a Household Hazardous Product Collection Day in conjunction with Carver and Wareham. At both the Carver Salt Storage Facility, Rochester Road, South Carver and the Wareham Maintenance Area, Charge Pond Road, Wareham on May 6 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, continue our town-wide spring clean-up by delivering your unwanted pesticides, household chemicals, anti-freeze, motor oil, spent gasoline, empty propane tanks and products containing mercury to one of these locations.

A second opportunity to participate in keeping Marion clean will occur less than a week later on **May 12**. The Tree and Parks Committee will be giving out a Rose of Sharon shrub to the first 100 voters as they exit the polls at the VFW Hall on Town Election Day. It is hoped that those who receive a tree to plant somewhere in town will also take a trash bag or two and do an hour of litter pick up. The Arbor Day Table with free trees and trash bags will be located outside the polls from 9:00 am to noon.

Science@Work Lecture

Tabor Academy is very pleased to have Dr. Yolanda Cruz speak as the next Science@Work Lecturer on **May 1** at 6:30 pm. This will be the last lecture this academic year.

Dr. Yolanda Cruz, Ph.D., Robert S. Danforth Professor of Biology at Oberlin College, is a specialist in developmental and cell biology, and in epigenetics. Her field of research is early embryonic development and reproductive biology of mammals. In her talk, Professor Cruz will describe the special characteristics of stem cells and their possible uses in regenerative medicine.

Don't miss this fascinating topic on May 1 at 6:30 pm at Tabor Academy, 232 Front Street, Marion, in the Stroud Academic Center's Lyndon South Auditorium. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Sippican Historical Society

The Sippican Historical Society Speakers' Series on **April 27** will be The History of *Yankee Magazine*. *Yankee Magazine* was founded in 1935 and has managed to stay private and profitable for 82 years. Its goal has been to chronicle the sights and charms of New England and its audience loves it. Founded in Dublin, New Hampshire in a red barn, the magazine is still there and is still going strong. Its travel tips and recipes lend to the magazine's

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MARION
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Chapter 76, Section 12B of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a public hearing of the Marion School Committee regarding school choice for the 2017-2018 school year at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts. 4/20, 4/27

TOWN OF MARION
TOWN CLERK
PUBLIC NOTICE Polling Place Name Change

The VFW, 465 Mill Street, Marion, has been renamed The Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center.

Voting will continue to take place at 465 Mill Street, just the name has changed.

Please call the Clerk's Office at 508-748-3502 if you have any questions. 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A, §5, notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, Massachusetts 02770 to consider an amendment to the Town's Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section IX(H) "Temporary Moratorium on Marijuana Retail Sale" (which includes dispensing, processing, and cultivation activities, and other related activities to the sale, storage and distribution of marijuana) in order to undertake a planning process to evaluate regulation of marijuana and other uses related to the regulation of marijuana and address the potential impact of the state regulations on local zoning.

Copies of the article are on file at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, Massachusetts 02770 between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
Arnold Johnson, Chairman 4/20, 4/27

TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

On Friday, May 5, 2017, the Marion Planning Board will hold a public hearing pursuant to the requirements of G.L. c.40A, s.5 regarding proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw.

To see if the Town will vote at the Annual Town Meeting to amend the Zoning Bylaws as reflected in the Final Draft (red line version) dated March 2017, prepared and submitted by General Code.

The public hearing will be held at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street Marion, Massachusetts 02738 at 3:00 pm in the Main Conference Room. The public is invited to attend and be heard on these proposals and may inspect the full text of these proposals during normal business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk or Planning Board.
Robert H. Lane, Chairman
Steven J. Kokkins, Vice-Chairman 4/20, 4/27

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1104

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of DEREK MAKSY for property located at 357 Neck Road, identified on Assessor's Map 26, Lot 20, who is seeking a Variance under Section VIII.B.1 to allow two dwellings on one lot. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall conference room at 1 Constitution Way.
Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 4/27, 5/4

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by FREDERICK A. MILLER, JR. & ROSE M. MILLER.

The Applicants propose to construct a 14' x 14.5' deck within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The property is known as 7 Pine Island Road and is further identified as Lot #44 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #5. 4/27

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for an Amended Order of Conditions for DEP File No. SE 44-1197 submitted by TIMOTHY & GRETA FOX.

The Applicants request that the Conservation Commission Amend the Order of Conditions approving changes to the Plan of Record.

Portions of the approved work will be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The property is known as Lot #1 and is located on a Private Way off Pine Island Road on a Subdivision known as "Pine Island Estates." The subject site is known as Lot #224 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #5. 4/27

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for an Amended Order of Conditions for DEP File No. SE 44-1198 submitted by TIMOTHY & GRETA FOX.

The Applicants request that the Conservation Commission Amend the Order of Conditions approving changes to the Plan of Record.

Portions of the approved work will be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The property is known as Lot #2 and is located on a Private Way off Pine Island Road on a Subdivision known as "Pine Island Estates." The subject site is known as Lot #224A on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #5. 4/27

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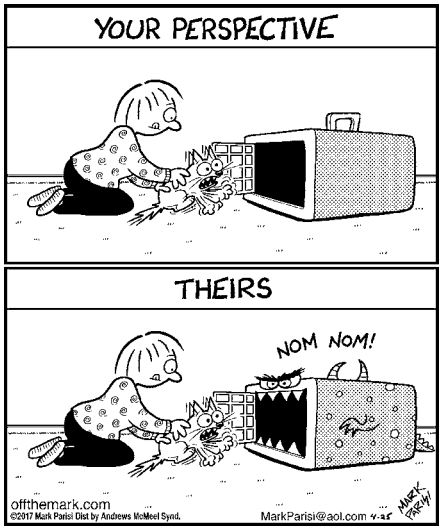

Fred 'n Larry **By Leon J. Stanley**

goal of preserving New England culture. People love the magazine's photographs of fall leaves and stories about hiking trails, seaside inns and Indian pudding. Please join us on April 27 at 7:00 pm to hear J.D. Hale talk about the history of *Yankee Magazine*.

Reptiles of Massachusetts

Reptiles of Massachusetts with Blue Hills Audubon Society will be held on Friday, **April 28**, 7:00 - 8:00 pm at the Marion Natural History Museum. Cost is $10/members, $12/non-members, and $5 for children 12 and under.

There are many misunderstandings between humans and scaled creatures, which has led to problems for the reptiles. Meet some of Massachusetts' resident reptiles and find out about human threats to their survival. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Marion Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Elks Student of the Month

The Elks of Wareham Lodge No. 1548 sponsors the Elks Student of the Month and Student of the Year Awards for students enrolled in local area high schools. The criteria used in nominating a student includes a student who excels in scholarship, citizenship, performing arts, fine arts, hobbies, athletics, church, school and community service, industry and farming.

We congratulate sophomore **Michael Bienz** of Marion for being selected as Student of the Month for the month of March by the Old Rochester Regional High School faculty and staff. Michael transferred to Old Rochester this year. He has adapted extremely well. He is not only doing well in all of his classes, he has also been taking full advantage of the extracurricular activities at Old Rochester Regional. He is extremely willing and helpful with his peers and teachers.

We congratulate sophomore **Aidan Ridings** of Mattapoisett for being selected as Student of the Month for the month of April by the Old Rochester Regional High School faculty and staff. Aidan works hard in all his academic classes. He is a kind, compassionate, and helpful friend to everyone. Aidan always rises to any challenge that he faces and has a "no excuse" attitude with anything that he does. Aidan volunteers in the Transition Class regularly. His patience, altruism, and enthusiasm create a positive learning environment for the Transition students and staff. Most recently, Aidan took it upon himself to arrange a bottle and can drive to benefit the Transition Students. This just speaks volumes for the wonderful, charitable student that he is. Aidan Ridings is truly deserving of Student of the Month.

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 22, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by DONNA J. DOWNEY, Trustee, 16 Water Street Nominee Trust for 16 Water Street, Mattapoisett, MA as shown on Assessor's Map 9 Lot 189. The applicant proposes to rechink and point an existing granite block seawall and remove and replace in kind an existing concrete boat ramp. 4/27

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by ANDREW & SUSAN REVELL for property located on 59 Bradford Lane, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lot 3M on Assessor's Map 39. The applicant proposes to cut three pine trees and construct a six foot wide stone dust wheelchair accessible path within the 100 foot Buffer Zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. Siltation control measures will be implemented.

The property owners of record are Andrew & Susan Revell, 59 Bradford Lane, Rochester, MA 02770. This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.
Michael Conway, Chairman 4/27

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding a Notice of Intent filed by MARC D. & NANCY E. FERREIRA for property located at Vaughan Hill Road, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lot 20 on Assessor's Map 32. The applicant proposes construction of a single family dwelling, septic system, well, and earthwork and grading within the 100 foot Buffer Zone. Construction of the proposed driveway will involve alteration of 558 s.f. of bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant proposes an 837 s.f. wetland replication area.

The property owner of record is Marc D. & Nancy E. Ferreira, 100 Keene Road, Acushnet, MA 02743. The applicant's representative is Alan Ewing, P.E., Alan Ewing Engineering, Inc., 261 New Boston Road, Fairhaven, MA 02719. This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.
Michael Conway, Chairman 4/27

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Open Table This Friday

The Open Table crew looks forward to seeing you and serving you a delicious meal this Friday, **April 28**, at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The birds are singing and the flowers are blooming; spring has definitely sprung. Doors open at 4:30 pm and supper is served at 5:00 pm. Invite a friend or neighbor or someone who lives down the street you don't even know. There's nothing like a good meal and fellowship to make the day brighter.

Old Rochester Youth Lacrosse

Lax Fest 2017 is Friday, **May 19** from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturday, **May 20** from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Old Rochester Regional High School. ORR High School will take on Sandwich High School on Friday, May 19 at ORR (boys' varsity at 4:00 pm; boys' JV at 5:30). Youth games and clinics from 9:00 to 11:00 am will be held on Saturday morning, May 20, as well as boys' and girls' ORR alumni games from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at ORR. There will be concessions, a moon bounce, shot clock and relay competitions as well as merchandise sales. A great event for the whole family!

Mattapoisett Road Race College Stipends

The Fourth of July will be here before we know it, which means it's time to start training for the Mattapoisett Road Race! Now in its 47th year, this 5-mile race through scenic Mattapoisett is an Independence Day tradition. Proceeds from the race are used to fund awards for college-bound senior athletes from Old Rochester Regional High School. Over the years, more than $150,000 has been given to deserving students from Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester. More details and the application form are available on the College Stipends tab at

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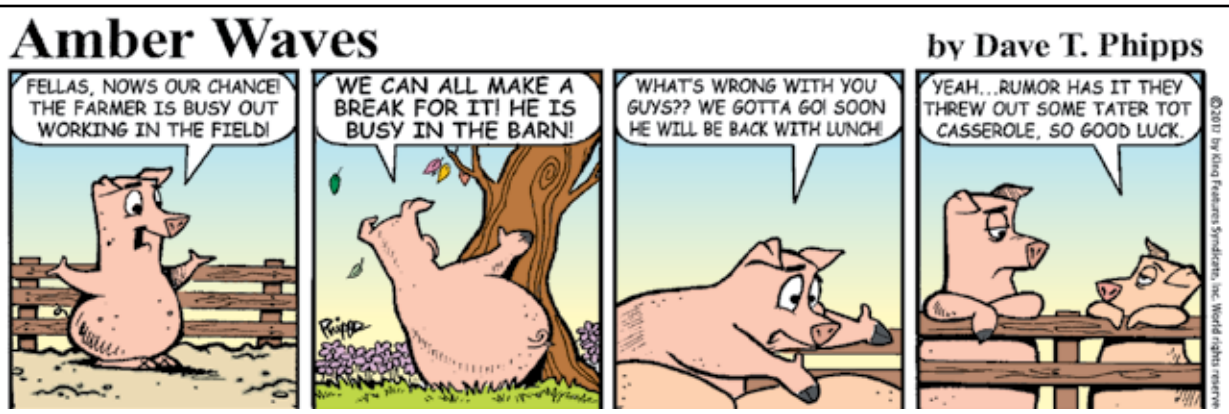

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The Developing Brain and Addiction

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church and the Healthy Tri-Town Coalition are pleased to announce that the Old Rochester Regional School District will be hosting a presentation by renowned speaker Dr. Ruth Potee on "The Developing Brain and Addiction," on Thursday, **April 27** at 7:00 pm at the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium. Dr. Potee is one of the state's foremost experts in the physiology of addiction and the teenage brain. This presentation will help us to understand how addictions develop and how young brains are particularly susceptible. Whether to nicotine, sugar, video games, caffeine, risky behaviors, alcohol, or drugs, understanding how addiction "re-wires" the reward pathways in the brain, especially in the developing brain, gives us a better understanding of who is at risk, how to prevent, and how to treat addiction. The presentation will be followed by a discussion with Dr. Potee and local public health professionals.

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community. Refreshments will be available.

David Bartlett Boyce Memorial Scholarship

The Friends of Old Rochester Drama are pleased to offer a $1,000 scholarship in honor of their friend, David Boyce (ORR '67), a man who dedicated his life to the Arts in all of its various and beautiful forms. This scholarship, in the amount of $ 1,000, is being offered to 2017 graduating seniors of Old Rochester Regional High School who are continuing their education in the field of the Fine Arts, the Visual Arts, or the Performing Arts. Applications are available in the ORR Guidance Office and are due by Friday, May 19, 2017. Applications are to be mailed and/or delivered to FORD, 4 Hawthorne Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 by this due date. No late submissions will be considered.

Come Meet the Turtles

Come learn about Eastern box turtles at the Mattapoisett Land Trust (MLT) Annual Meeting on Saturday, **April 29**. The day begins at 10:00 am with a short walk to the Woodcock Preserve vernal pool, departing from the new Buzzards Bay Coalition/MLT parking area on Long Plain Road. We'll stop to explore salamander and frog eggs and other spring activity at the pool, and then continue to a grove of fallen beech trees.

Following the walk, we'll reconvene at the Mattapoisett Friends Meeting House at 11:45 am for a presentation of Eel Pond water quality testing results by ORR marine biology students, followed by an informal potluck lunch. Bring a main dish or salad to share; MLT provides beverages and dessert. MLT's 43rd Annual Meeting will follow at 1:00 pm.

At 1:30 pm, Marla Isaac from New England Reptiles and Raptors will introduce us to her live Eastern box turtles and tell us about the habits and life history of these fascinating animals. Eastern box turtles are found throughout Mattapoisett but are on the state's list of "species of critical concern."

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high school seniors who desire to work toward a degree in the field of nursing. Recipients must be residents of Marion, Mattapoisett, or Rochester, and are chosen on the basis of academic ability, community service, and financial need. The application and its accompanying materials are due by May 1, 2017, and the award recipients will be notified shortly thereafter. To receive the Friends of Marion Visiting Nurses Scholarship Application, please email your request to REEMERSON78@gmail.com and an application will be sent to you.

Nasketucket Bird Club

The Nasketucket Bird Club presents *Eagle One: Raising Bald Eagles – A Wildlife Memoir* by Dianne Benson Davis on Thursday, **April 27** at 7:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. The library is located on Barstow Street and is handicapped accessible. The program is free and open to the public.

Dianne Benson Davis spent four months living alone as the caretaker for eight baby bald eagles in the remote Quabbin Reservoir area of Massachusetts as part of an ambitious and successful effort to reintroduce the endangered bald eagle to the skies of New England.

Eagle One is the record of her time with the eagles, based on the letters and journals she kept there. It is the story of a woman's life devoted to the care of wildlife: her nearly 20-year relationship with a red-tailed hawk; her experiences caring for a baby polar bear; tagging loggerhead sea turtles; and working with countless animals at the Tufts University Wildlife Clinic and the EcoTarium. It is also a personal memoir: the story of perseverance and struggle as a single mother, the joys of learning and teaching about wildlife, and of finding happiness and fulfillment in work and family.

Check our website at: http://massbird.org/Nasketucket/ or email our President Justin Barrett at jmbarrett426@gmail.com.

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Marion Arbor Day Partners With Local Elections

Arbor Day is usually celebrated in the USA on the last Friday of April. This year it falls on April 28, a time for citizens of all ages to plant trees across our landscape. On the first Arbor Day in 1872, an estimated one million trees were planted throughout America.

Marion will celebrate Arbor Day this spring two weeks later on **May 12**. The Tree and Parks Committee will be giving out a Rose of Sharon shrub to the first 100 voters as they exit the polls at the VFW Hall on Town Election Day. It is hoped that those who receive a tree to plant somewhere in town will also take a trash bag or two and do an hour of litter pick up. The Arbor Day Table with free trees and trash bags will be located outside the polls from 9:00 am to noon. Members of the Marion Tree and Parks Committee will be on hand to give you a tree and to explain the litter clean-up guidelines.

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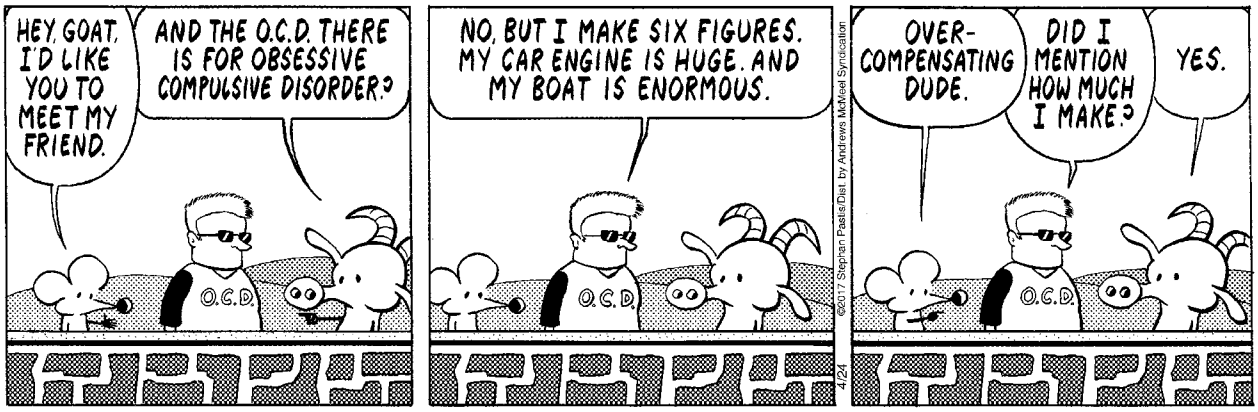

the year and helps to keep hockey costs as low as they are. Registration is recommended in advance, although we will accept registrations the day of to the extent we have space. Please contact Ben Hathaway at 774-454-1114 or Jen Wilson at 774-766-9436 with any questions.

Dixie Diehards Go to War Concert

On Saturday **May 6** at 7:30 pm, the Marion Art Center will feature the Dixie Diehards Jazz Band in a *Dixie Diehards Go to War* concert. The event will mark the 10th anniversary of the talented group performing at the Marion Art Center. In honor of the centennial of the United States' entry into World War I, the Diehards will perform music from the era leading up to and just after the conflict. Not only was it a politically tumultuous time, but music was also undergoing a revolution. Ragtime (then the current rage) was giving way to jazz. A new sensation, the Original Dixieland Jass Band, recorded their first disk in 1917. Young men who marched off to war came home to strut their stuff to hot new music!

The Dixie Diehards will first take you back to the ragtime era, and then move through the war years, when music was helping to sell an unpopular war to a skeptical public. Included in this program are World War I patriotic numbers, marches that morphed into Dixieland jazz, and a selection of early jazz dance tunes that formed the basis for the 'Roaring Twenties' era. This concert will feature a number of well-known New Orleans style jazz tunes for audience singalongs and handclapping fun.

As always, this concert is expected to sell out quickly. Though reservations and holds cannot be accommodated, tickets may be purchased either in person at the MAC or by calling the MAC at 508-748-1266 during regular gallery hours (Tuesday - Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm). Cabaret tables will be available for parties of 4 on a first come, first served basis, and general seating will also be available for this performance. Tickets cost $15 for MAC members and $18 for non-members.

Blue Book Deadline Coming Up Soon

April 28 is the deadline for submitting information for the upcoming 2017-18 edition of the popular telephone directory, The Blue Book. The directory is published by the League of Women Voters of Marion-Mattapoisett-Rochester every two years and will be mailed free to all postal patrons in the three towns early in July 2017.

The white pages include listings of name, address (including P.O box) and primary phone number whether landline or cell. Residents are asked to notify us of any additions, deletions, or corrections to their most current listing, which can be found online at lwvmmr.org/phonebook. All changes should be sent to lwvphonebook@comcast.net or to LWV-MMR, P.O. Box 812, Marion, MA 02738.

Marion Candidates' Night

On **May 4**, Marion voters will have a chance to meet and question candidates for town offices and committees at Candidates' Night. The Tri-Town Area League of Women Voters, a national bipartisan group whose mission is to expand participation in our electoral process and to encourage citizens to become informed voters, sponsors this annual event.

Voters of Marion should take this opportunity to hear the views of candidates, both contested and uncontested, on critical topics ranging from fiscal issues and infrastructure needs to school budgets and the proposed completion of the Master Plan.

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Jay Gould, DVM

I found a baby bird on the ground. I picked it up to see if it was ok, but now I've heard that I can't put it back in the nest because I touched it. What do I do?

Leave it there! Coming into the summer months, baby birds fall out of or outgrow the nest before they can even fly. It is not true that the mother can smell the scent of a human and will not take it back. Birds have a relatively poor sense of smell and will not be able to tell if the baby has been handled.

If the bird is starting to fly, the mother will be around to feed the baby. This is normal. The biggest threat is cats, so keep yours indoors until the bird is gone.

You can contact Dr. Gould at 508-758-6400 or visit our website at MattapoisettAH.com

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SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey

Jones, Michelle Ouellette Smith, Christine Winters, and Matthew Vander Pol will make presentations and answer questions from the floor. The only other contest is for the town clerk's post between long-time incumbent, Ray Pickles, and challenger, Jay Ryder. Candidates for eight uncontested offices will be on hand to meet informally as well.

All contestants who are seeking positions in this year's election are to be congratulated for stepping up to the plate in these challenging times. Marion voters are strongly encouraged to attend Candidates' Night at 7:00 pm at the Music Hall on May 4 to become better informed.

Nemasket Group 5K Walk/Run

The Nemasket Group 5K Walk/Run will be held on Sunday, **May 7**. The race begins and ends at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. Dust off your sneakers and join us for a morning of fun as we wind through Fairhaven Village for a great cause. Coming together as a community and making new friends while raising awareness for individuals with disabilities is a sure win for all. The first 125 registrants will receive a T-shirt. Registration begins at 7:45 am and the race starts at 9:00 am. Registration fee is $25 until May 5 and $30 on May 6 and the day of the race. Not a walker or runner? If you would like to volunteer that day, you can also sign up on our website. For more information and to register for this event, please go to www.NemasketGroup.org or call 508-999-4436. We look forward to seeing you at the event.

Free Women's Self-defense Course

Mattapoisett Recreation will be hosting a self-defense techniques class on Wednesday, **May 10** from 6:00 - 9:00 pm at Center School Gymnasium in Mattapoisett. The class is F.A.S.T.T. - E.S.C.A.P.E., which stands for Fast Aggressive Strikes Targeting Trauma - Every Second Counts, Avoid Pre-attack Encounters. This realistic training session was developed by Major Dwayne Fortes. Major Fortes will be offering this FREE training courtesy of Sheriff Joseph D. McDonald, Jr. and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department. The program is open to women age 14 and up. To sign up, please email Mattapoisett Recreation at mattrec@mattapoisett.net. Please provide the following in the email: Name, contact phone number, and email address for each person wishing to participate. We will confirm receipt of email and if openings are available. Please note that space is limited, so register as soon as possible.

NEIGHBOR ALERT

What: The 11th Annual Women's Fund Tiara 5K
When: Sunday, May 14, 2017
Registration begins at 7:00 AM
Kids Fun Run: 9:00 AM
5K Road Race/Walk: 9:30 AM
Where: Race begins and ends at Oxford Creamery
Race Course:
Runners will head west from the Creamery on Old Marion Rd. to Ned's Point. They will turn left onto Ned's Point Road. Staying right, they will travel counter-clockwise around the lighthouse and continue to stay to the right. They will turn right onto Holly Lane and then right onto Tupola. Participants will turn right onto Old Marion Road and then right onto Pine Island. Finally, runners will turn left onto Prospect before turning left onto Route 6 to proceed to the finish line at Oxford Creamery. Roads will not be closed, but traffic may be confined to one side of the road in some locations and there may be some delays. We anticipate all race participants will be off the race course by 11:00 AM.

We hope we have given you ample time to plan accordingly for this day. ANY QUESTIONS, please call Liz Ackerman at Oxford Creamery, 508-758-3847 or at 774-644-2083. If you would like to participate you can register online at www.womensfundtiara5k.com.

ORCTV Annual Meeting

ORCTV will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, **April 29**. The annual meeting will begin at noon and will include the election of new officers to the Old Rochester Community Television Board of Directors. All current ORCTV members are invited and encouraged to attend.

The nominees for 2017 are: Membership seat: Elaine Botelho - 1 year; Mattapoisett seat: Patricia McArdle - 2 years; Marion seat: Chris Charyk - 2 years; and Rochester seat: Tom Bretto - 2 years.

Real Estate Transactions

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Prudden, David Prudden, Laura M	Summers-Fontaine, Sheryl	17 Wilson Rd	Marion	04/04/2017	185000
107 Fairhaven LLC	Aleardi, Marguerite R	107 Fairhaven Rd #24	Mattapoisett	04/07/2017	235000
Horan, Timothy P Horan, Lisa A	Ward, Michael M Ward, Paula F	11 Upland Way	Mattapoisett	04/07/2017	525000
StJohn, Karl Dube, Tracy M	FNMA	469 Snipatuit Rd	Rochester	04/04/2017	265000

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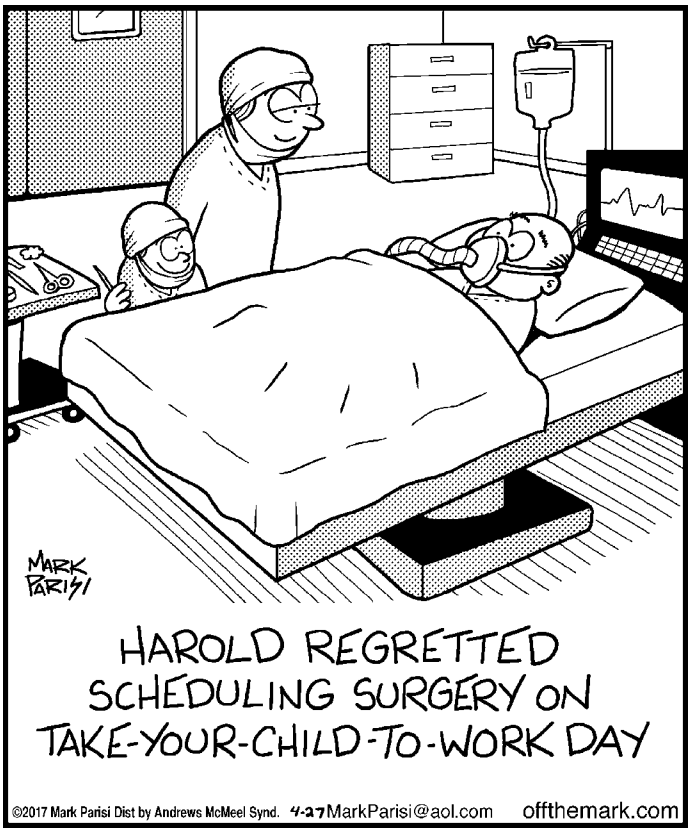

Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	April 27:	9:21	9:43	3:00	2:53
Friday	April 28:	10:12	10:35	3:51	3:41
Saturday	April 29:	11:06	11:30	4:41	4:29
Sunday	April 30:	12:03	. . .	5:33	5:20
Monday	May 1:	12:28	1:02	6:36	6:16
Tuesday	May 2:	1:28	2:01	8:23	7:28
Wednesday	May 3:	2:28	3:01	9:44	9:39
Thursday	May 4:	3:30	4:03	10:43	10:57
Friday	May 5:	4:34	5:05	11:28	11:48
Saturday	May 6:	5:35	6:02	. . .	12:01
Sunday	May 7:	6:28	6:51	12:25	12:23
Monday	May 8:	7:14	7:35	12:56	12:46
Tuesday	May 9:	7:56	8:15	1:28	1:16
Wednesday	May 10:	8:35	8:53	2:03	1:51
Thursday	May 11:	9:13	9:29	2:40	2:29
Friday	May 12:	9:50	10:04	3:19	3:09
Saturday	May 13:	10:27	10:40	3:58	3:48
Sunday	May 14:	11:06	11:17	4:35	4:27

Phases of the Moon		
	First Quarter	May 2nd
	Full Moon	May 10th
	Last Quarter	May 18th
	New Moon	May 25th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the April 20, 2017 issue the Aardvark was on page 46!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Malaise; 2. Deface; 3. Fringe; 4. Belong

Today's Word

AFFORD

Sudoku Answer

1	4	7	6	2	9	3	8	5
3	9	6	8	4	5	2	1	7
5	8	2	1	3	7	6	4	9
6	7	3	4	9	1	8	5	2
9	2	5	3	6	8	1	7	4
4	1	8	5	7	2	9	3	6
2	3	9	7	1	4	5	6	8
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7	5	1	9	8	6	4	2	3

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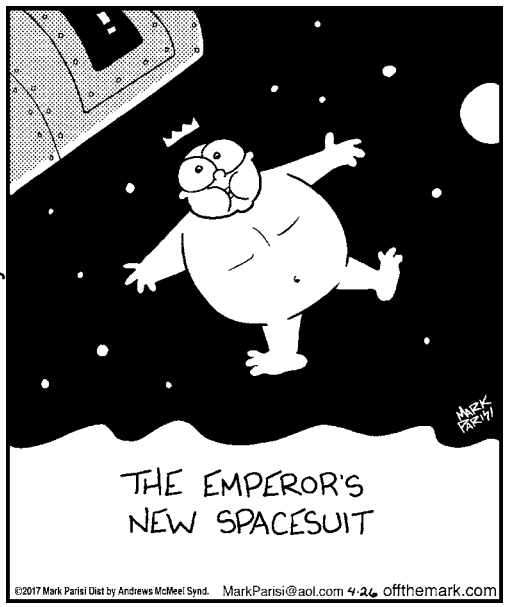

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